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Last year on April 30, 1999, a gas out was staged across Canada and the U.S. to bring the price of gas down, and it worked.

It's time to do something about it again.

Only this time let's make it for three days instead of just one. The so-called oil cartel decided to slow production to drive up gasoline prices.

Let's see how many Canadian-American people we can get to ban together for a three day period in April, not to buy any gasoline, during those three days.

Let's have a gas out. Do not buy any gasoline from April 7-9.

Buy what you need before the dates listed above, or after, but try not to buy any during the gas out.

If you want to help, just send this to everyone you know and ask them to do the same.

We brought the prices down once before, and we can do it again.

Come on North America lets stand together. We can make a difference!

### Caller wants information about lobotomies at old Eloise

I am wondering if any one out there remembers when Eloise was closed and became Wayne County's?

If you've lived in Westland a long time you might remember this. Perhaps there is something in your newspaper archives.

There was a rumor that lobotomies took place there and that is one reason that the hospital closed. Anybody out there remember any of this? It's controversial because the state denied all charges. Would appreciate any and all info. Thanks.

### Who was the mystery food distributor who quit in 1999?

What food distributor left the city of Westland in May 1999 because allegedly he did give bribery grocery items, meat and cheeses and stuff, to the fathers of the city?

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Three Romulus foreign language students take part in dress up day for Foreign Language Week at Romulus High School. The trio include: Brooke Thompson, a senior French 4 student; Andrea DeLine, a junior French 3 student and Candice Bingham, a senior Spanish 4 student. MCN Special Photo

## Foreign language classes are key options yet today

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

More than 350 French and Spanish language students are celebrating "Foreign Language Week" at Romulus High School this week with fun as well as educational activities taking place.

Mardi Gras mask making, ethnic dress up day and various food tasting events took place along with the popular Flag Day programs.

During Flag Day students are presented with three flags and ordered to speak foreign languages all day long to their teachers, friends and fellow students.

Each time they are caught speaking English that day one of the flags is confiscated. The class that retains the most flags by the end of the day is treated to a pizza party.

Other side lights of the week are a Trivia Contest and an assortment of foreign movies for viewing in classrooms.

Foreign language teachers feel this is an ideal time for

*English, French and Spanish -- all are taught at Romulus High.*

such a special week, since Romulus Middle School students will soon be selecting their studies for their freshman year this fall.

Thus current students also prepare posters depicting various lifetime careers that require foreign language skills.

The top three languages -- English, French and Spanish -- all are taught at Romulus High.

The remaining languages in the top 10 worldwide include: Russian, Arabic, Chinese, German, Japanese, Portuguese and Hindu/Urdu.

The language selection printed in a British publication *Language Today* stated the most influential lan-

guages were decided on six factors:

1. number of primary speakers.
2. number of secondary speakers.
3. number and population of countries using the language.
4. number of major fields (science, diplomacy, etc) using the language internationally.
5. economic power of countries using the language.
6. socio-literary prestige.

Romulus High foreign language instructors remind students that Americans should not become too over confident of using only English.

While most countries use English to some extent, foreigners tend to frown on Americans, who cannot speak at least one other language.

They state "the study of any foreign language enhances intelligence, broadens knowledge and opens the mind to cultural awareness and differences. These are all benefits in this ever shrinking world of increasing diversity."

## Council action on charter school disappoints Bedell

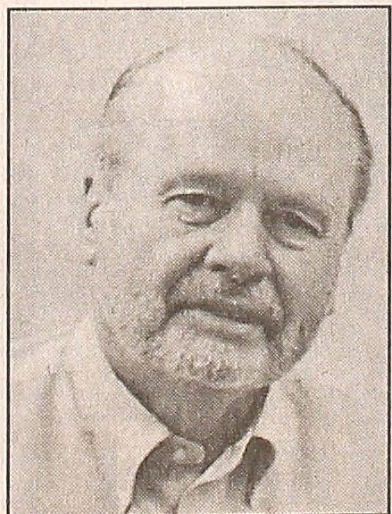
By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

The Romulus City Council's decision not to delay the opening of a private charter elementary school could cost the local school district up to \$2 million, Supt. Dr. William Bedell complained last week.

City officials in other communities have taken a thorough approach in examining such charter schools, we wish Romulus city officials would have done the same, a frustrated Bedell stated.

Bedell felt that the council could have given the Romulus School District "some time to react to the planned opening of the K-5th grade facility by challenging the academy on traffic and quality of construction issues."

Bedell calls the Romulus School District one of the most outstanding in the state based on its technology, class size and scope of programs aimed



Dr. William Bedell

at helping students learn.

He admitted however that Romulus schools need to strengthen its latchkey programs and to develop stronger pre-school programs.

"We are not afraid to compete with other schools," Bedell said, "but we will lose

\$7.600 for each student who leaves our district."

He added "we can only cut about half of that amount in the first several years...and if the academy signs on up to 300 of Romulus students we could lose as much as \$2 million."

Bedell said he wished to extend the district's thanks to Mayor pro tem Randolph Gear and Councilman William Wadsworth for voting for a more thorough approach to the charter school issue.

Meanwhile the charter school, Metro Charter Academy of Romulus, has announced its first informational meeting for parents and others will be held at 7 p.m. March 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8000 Merriman Road in Romulus.

Jeff Poole, academy vice president, will be on hand to discuss the school's planned curriculum, site location and other issues.

## Will Site Review board vote tonight on well issue?

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Will the nine member (eight voting member) Michigan Hazardous Waste Site Review Board vote tonight on the Ctr Drive project advanced by Environmental Disposal Systems?

It appeared they were ready last month -- when State Department of Environmental Quality official Steve Sliver warned that he didn't think they had finished their homework on the project.

But Sliver admitted that the SRB is not under his control and can vote tonight if they wish.

But the board's decision is advisory only ... and if they vote in opposition to the environmental deepwell project, he reminds local residents, they must list in detail why they oppose the hazardous waste storage and treatment facility.

Sliver is expected to address the SRB at the start of the meeting tonight...and he stated last week if they understand his message there very well could be another meeting on March 21.

Anti-deepwell forces including two members of the SRB -- Cameron Priebe and Edward Boike both of Taylor -- are pressing for a vote as soon as possible.

Boike is serving as Wayne County's representative on the SRB, while Priebe is the Romulus representative.

At the last meeting in February they garnered a 5-3 majority to cut off future testimony, but delayed any potential final vote until at least tonight.

Having lost one crucial SRB member because of business pressures, a small possibility exists that a tie vote 4-4 could occur.

The question would then be what would that vote mean in passing out any recommendation to DEQ Director Russell J. Harding.

Harding is slated to make that final decision in June, following a final DEQ public hearing sometime in May at

Romulus High School.

Because of that, an area joint letter to Engler and Harding is being sent via the Downriver Realtors Association asking that they "not allow this (EDS) or any other similar project into our state."

The sample letter given to the public last month cited the facts that Taylor and Wyandotte are busy redeveloping their cities to increase home values.

EDS continues to stress that the well will be safe and that it is eager to sit down with Romulus city officials to negotiate various issues including public safety responses to any spills on site, etc.

## Home rule petitions available

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Petitions to aid home rule regulations throughout Michigan are now available via Romulus city officials -- but cannot be signed inside a city building such as City Hall, etc.

Supporters are working to obtain more than 300,000 voter signatures, so that the issue can be placed on the state ballot this fall.

Such petitions are expected to be made available to the public at tonight's environmental deepwell hearing at Romulus High School.

No other designated petition locations have been listed at this time.

The petitions have grown out of concerns such as charter schools and deepwell projects, city officials said.

The petition states "the legislature shall enact no law on or after March 1, 2000 that intervenes or increases the scope of its intervention in the municipal concerns, property or government of a city" unless backed by two thirds of both houses of state government.

## Census mailing arrives locally

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

A preliminary notice from the U.S. Census Bureau dated March 6, 2000 should have arrived in most Romulus mail boxes this past week.

The notice states "about a week from now, you will receive a U.S. Census 2000 form in the mail."

Since most cities across the U.S. feel an accurate head count in their community is important for federal and state funding, Mayor William Oakley

is urging citizens to notify his office (942-7571) if they fail to receive such a mailed notice.

Even more important they should definitely notify Oakley's office if they fail to receive next week's extremely important multi-page census form itself.

That form needs to be filled out promptly and returned to the Census Bureau.

This week's census letter was printed in English and a multitude of other languages.

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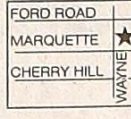


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## Officer of year set to be honored

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Corrections Officer Donald L. Bosley of Romulus will be honored at the 2000 Officer of the Year Banquet at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing on May 10.

Bosley serves as an officer at the Scott Correctional Facility near Plymouth.

Bosley began his career with the Department of Corrections and the Scott facility in 1995. He works in the Residential Treatment Program in the prison which houses mentally ill prisoners.

Scott is one of three facilities in Michigan which houses female prisoners.

He also is a certified substance abuse counselor at the prison and assists in Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholic Anonymous groups at the prison.

He earned two purple hearts and a Navy Commendation Medal while serving with the U.S. Marines in Vietnam.

He also has a bachelor's degree from Concordia College in Ann Arbor.

## Boys, Girls Club planning benefit

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

A benefit St. Patrick's Day Dance is being slated by the Romulus Boys and Girls Club for March 18 at the Knights of Columbus building at 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne.

The K of C building is one block east of Wayne Road.

Tickets cost \$15 per person and Channel 6 (a band composed of local educators) will provide the entertainment.



## Winners all

Merriman Elementary School fifth grader Caitlyn Wagner (front) displays her \$500 U.S. Savings Bond she just received from Dreamchaser Enterprises President Kerry Davenport, who was joined by two Mail Mania characters Max the dog and Priscille the cat. In addition to the bond, Wagner was informed that her school also won an IBM computer. MCN Special Photo

## Dr. Seuss' birthday cited

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Students and teachers in three Romulus schools (Barth,

Merriman and Halecreek) celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with reading events and other upbeat events.

At Barth Elementary teachers wore large red and white hats, while students wore their pajamas. They colored posters of Dr. Seuss and explained why reading was important.

At Halecreek each class had a celebrity attired in a Dr. Seuss hat read to them at the beginning of the day. Students wore bowties and got to eat

special cupcakes. Numerous city officials took part in the reading program with the students.

Merriman students had a special breakfast of green eggs and ham, while their teachers wore the distinctive hats. They also had a special assembly at which time 5th grader Caitlyn Wagner was presented with her \$500 savings bond.

In addition Merriman School was presented with a IBM computer.

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## Battling back

Romulus High School teacher James Orme stops briefly to talk to sophomore Paul Krause (seated) during his abbreviated class schedule. Krause, who was seriously injured in a traffic accident on the way to school last fall, has returned to classes half a day and then takes part in a rehabilitation program in the afternoon each day. MCN Photo by Al Post.

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# What I have learned in public school

By TOM BOWLES  
MCN Special Writer

Being your public school board trustee for four years has taught me a few things about how the government run school system works. Many people believe that the public school system in this country is a dismal failure. That is not true.

When I ran for trustee, I was an outspoken critic about many financial aspects of our current system. I felt I could not support a

huge millage increase when so much of our budget was being wasted. From a common sense citizens perspective, it doesn't take a genius to recognize that cutting the grass and shoveling snow should not cost \$30.00 per hour, which is what it costs our district.

It doesn't take a lot of studying to learn that privatizing services like transportation saves a lot of money because big transportation firms have economies of scale working for them, and it takes a

huge burden off administrative staff, who should be concentrating on educational improvements, not building empires.

From a private businessman's perspective, I know something about what health benefits cost, and I knew our school system's costs were way out of line. Our district hired a benefits consultant, who told us the same thing. Yet we continue with the wasteful MESSA health system, and because of it our district will face higher than average rate increases for the foreseeable future.

I naively thought that if I shed a little light on some of the decisions we make in our school system, that I could improve things. I had hoped we could start promoting people on the basis of what they know, instead of who they know. I thought parents could be given a voice in what they wanted their school system to be, instead of having to follow what educators and union bosses told them it had to be.

Virtually every study on student performance proves one thing: student outcomes correlate most strongly with parental involvement. Even dire economic situations can be overcome, when parental involvement is strengthened. But what I have learned about public schools is that there is no room for the reforms that I mentioned above, which would improve education and accountability to the public.

The public school system does very well, as I said, at what it has become, a vast employment and money distribution machine, with the side benefit of controlling human thought. Spending on public education is up over 450% since 1970. Where does the money go? It supports a host of teacher colleges, colossal book publishing companies, employee union bosses on huge salaries, a myriad of educational associations with their private armies of lawyers and lobbyists, construction companies, the pizza-burger supply industry, and so on and so on and so on. As you can imagine, with so many other interests at stake, real education is only ancillary. And NO amount of money and NO amount of employees will EVER be enough.

So what chance does a lowly school board member have against such a system? Have you ever heard of a public school board member who stood out above others for some special reform, which they instituted?

Ever? Have you heard of many public schools that have dared to break the mold and become recognized as a super supplier of intelligent beings? We hear of an occasional educator who sets themselves apart through extra effort above and beyond the call of duty -we probably all know of some very special teachers. But did their unique ways of educating carry over beyond their retirement? More likely, they burned out long before they left.

On the educational front, today's schools vary widely from those of 30 years ago. The lessons in today's classroom have very little to do with reading, writing, and arithmetic. We teach students to be frightened of free markets, robotic in their thoughts, and deservng of dependence on government.

I thank all of the people who supported me four years ago to get me elected, and those that have continued to support me through the years. As I said, I have learned a lot. Unfortunately my biggest lesson is that a local school board trustee can not do much to stop the tide of incoming foreign students who continue to beat out our students for the top jobs. I'm afraid you're going to see a lot more foreign doctors when you visit the hospital, and a lot more unpronounceable last names in the engineering departments at Fords. Students from Asia and the Middle East will continue to outnumber our students on the Microsoft campus, for quite a few years to come.

I do not wish to sound hopeless. America has always bounced back from catastrophe, and I know we will recover from our mis-steps on the educational system we have developed. The movement is already afoot and I intend to do what I can to support its progress in whatever form it takes.

I am deeply committed to a group I started, to gather school board leaders from the public, private, and charter school, sectors across Michigan. The Michigan School Board Leaders Association is progressing well. Often when you begin an organization you don't know what it will ultimately become. A big part of the interest in MSBLA is from charter school leaders who want to design governance systems that will protect their uniqueness. They use our organization and draw upon our members with public school experience to learn what not to do in setting up their structures.

I believe, as a rapidly growing number of reformers from across the country do, that the answer is simply to give responsibility back to the parents in choosing the type of education they want for their child. Parents have embraced choice wherever they are able. Every charter school in the state has a waiting list. Home-schooling continues to expand.

I am not in this to change the educational model from what others think works to what I think works. The energy of the reform movement underway is from the fact that it takes all comers. If parents want schools that concentrate on traditional education they should have the freedom to choose it. If they desire a school with strong association to religious belief, they should have the ability to select that avenue. If they believe a sibling would benefit from a school which stresses early vocational training, or has a well developed music program, they should have that option available to them, no matter what their income level.

In the arena of competition

bad or unsafe schools won't last. Under today's design, they never go away. Obviously, accountability is automatic when you have choices. The power brokers in the education machine are facing opposition on several fronts. Very soon, they will be forced to let our children go.

I will continue to support the Kids First! Yes! voucher initiative. I have seen the Milwaukee voucher system first hand, and the competition from vouchers has worked wonders in their school system.

I will continue to support efforts to eliminate the current cap on the number of charter schools. There is no valid reason for its denial. The holdup is from the status quo, scared of losing its power.

I will continue to support homeschooling, and private schools, wherever they are threatened.

My choice to not run for school board reelection is not because I have abandoned my reasons for running in the first place. On the contrary, I just figured out I was fighting on the wrong battlefield, in a war that still has a long way to run.

Tom Bowles  
Van Buren Public Schools  
Trustee

## CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE 2000 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus Community Room, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll.

### Meeting dates are as follows:

**Residential**  
March 13, 15, 17, 2000: 9:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
March 16, 2000: 2:00pm - 4:00pm & 5:00pm - 9:00pm

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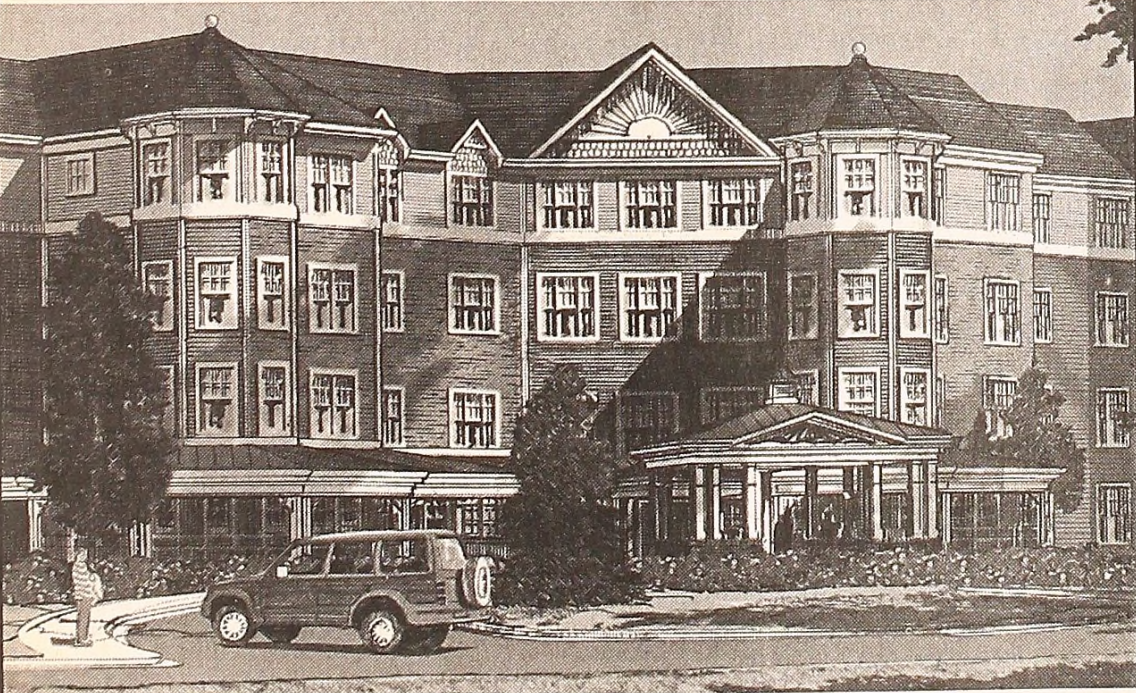
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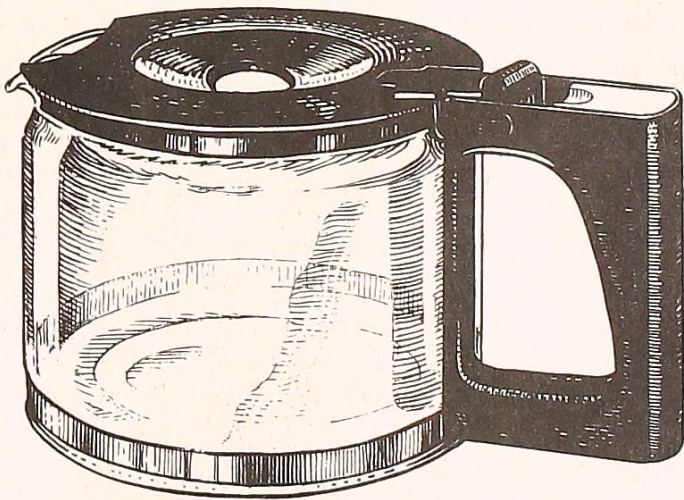


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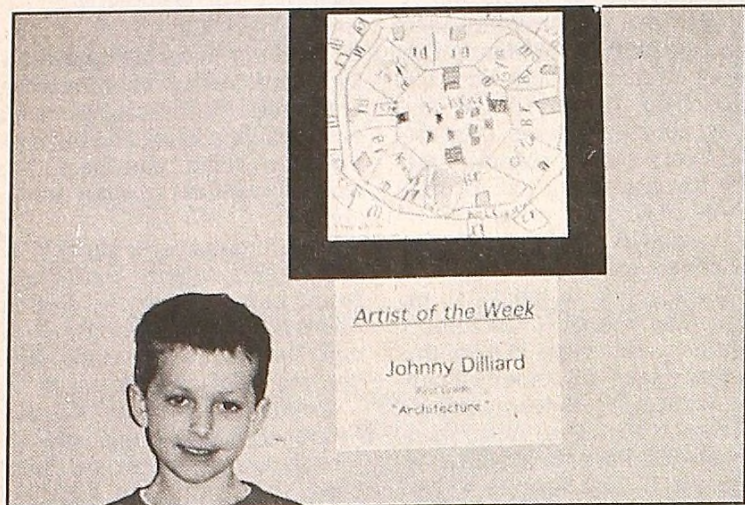
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## Artist of the Week

Johnny Dilliard in teacher Carrie Prueninger's class, was named Artist of the Week at Tyler Elementary School in Belleville. Students in Brie Stosick's art classes studied architecture and architectural design. They looked at blueprints, decoded them and then designed their own elementary schools.

## Library receives grant, expands selections for children

Kids will have the chance to explore the universe at the Fred C. Fischer Library with new computers and children's software. Travel inside the human body with the Magic School Bus or around the world with Carmen Sandiego. Children will delight in the adventures of the Berenstain Bears, Arthur and the Cat in the Hat.

Three computers in the children's room can be used at any time, and the CD-ROMs may be checked out for one week.

Young readers can visit the library's "Book Picks for Kids" page on the Internet ([www.belleville.lib.mi.us/kids/bookpick](http://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/kids/bookpick)). The library owns copies of all the books that are on this website as well as many more best bets. The same reading lists that are on the Web site are also featured on bookmarks at the library.

Parents and teachers won't be have any trouble finding something for them, either. The new parent/teacher collection is located in the children's room, as well.

All of these new books, computers, and software have been purchased through a \$24,000 Federal Library Services and Technology Act grant. The grant, focused on children ages six to 12, has helped the library in meeting two goals: instilling in children the love of reading and literature; and helping children evaluate information, both in books and on computers. Through this grant, the library was able to revitalize its children's fiction collection and offer parents and teachers tools they need to supplement their children's education.

For more information, library location and hours, call the Fred C. Fischer Library at 699-3291.

## Museum to have youngsters in stitches

In conjunction with its Year 2000 Quilt Show, the Belleville area Museum and Western Wayne County Quilting Guild will offer sewing classes for children during the month of March. One session will take place on Saturday, March 11, and another on March 25. Each session will run from 1 to 3 p.m.

Each participant will make a stuffed animal, such as a cat or bear. Children will be taught to use a needle and thread and to or-

nament their project with buttons, ribbons and lace.

All materials will be provided by the Quilting Guild, and there is no charge for the class. The classes are designed for children 7 to 12 years of age, and both boys and girls are welcome to register. To register for a session, call the museum at (734) 697-1944.

The quilt show begins March 1 and continues through March 31 at the museum from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

## Cable TV Commission Meeting March 9, 2000 7 p.m.

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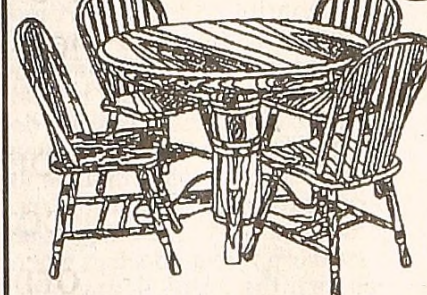
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# Seniors on the move

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## Cancer survivors program is readied for March 25...

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

With a growing number of Americans surviving cancer today, community leaders are finding many such survivors are unprepared for life after cancer.

## 9-hole golf course will open in June

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

The planned 18 hole Gateway Golf Club and Estates at Van Born and Merriman roads in Romulus will open this June on a 9-hole basis, the Romulus City Council was told last week.

Gateway Co. spokesman Stephen Devers also said the remaining nine holes probably will open this August -- although that portion of the project is more than a month behind.

A driving range also will be available with the opening of the first nine holes, Devers said.

In addition about four model home models that will adjoin the unique golf course will also soon be on display.

A grand opening of the facility will be held later this month, Devers said.

## Double Van Gogh feature

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Canton senior citizens will get a double treat of artist Vincent Van Gogh artistry this month.

First Oxford University graduate Wendy Evans of the Detroit Institute of Arts will speak on the current art collection on display and later a trip will actually be taken to the DIA.

The lecture will occur at 1 p.m. March 15 at the Canton Senior Center at the Summit. The cost is \$1 for the lecture.

Then on March 22 a bus will leave the senior center at 9:45 a.m. and return at 3:45 p.m. The cost is \$20 for residents and \$22 for non-residents and will cover transportation and entrance to the exhibit.

The art display will feature 34 paintings -- all portraits by Van Gogh -- from current collections in the U.S., the Netherlands, Scotland, Russia and Australia.

Seniors will be asked to obtain their own lunches at the DIA that day.

Thus a *Cancer: Keys to Survivorship* program is slated from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25 in the Southfield Centre for the Arts building, 25414 Southfield Road (just north of 10 Mile Road) in Southfield.

The free educational program was put together by the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Cancer survivors, family members, caregivers, friends and health care professionals are welcome to attend, sponsors said.

The program teaches survivors to advocate for themselves in four main areas: self-empowerment, communicating with healthcare providers, workplace concerns and health insurance issues.

"At a time when breakthroughs in treatment have contributed to long-term survival as well as cures, this program will give patients the practical skills they need to live with, through and beyond cancer," stated Cindy Irwin, patient services manager for the Michigan Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Since the five year survival rate has increased for all cancers by 10 percent since the 80's, such survivors are now facing other key factors including: physical, emotional and financial matters.

The current mission of the groups is to lead and strengthen the survivorship movement and advocate for policy issues that affect survivors' quality of life.

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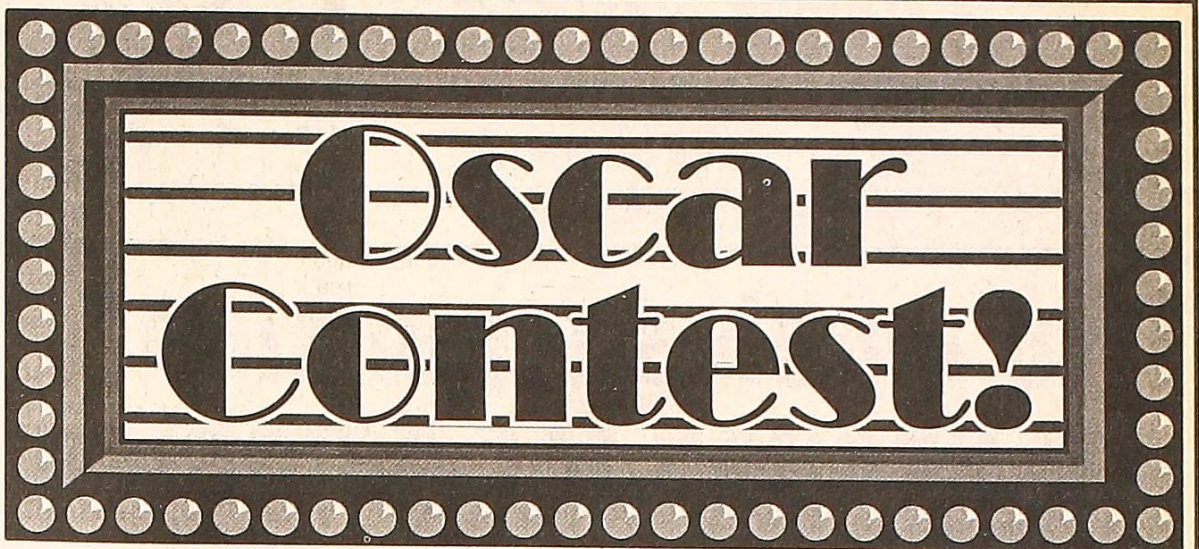
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- ☐ The Insider
- ☐ The Cider House Rules
- ☐ The Green Mile
- ☐ Sixth Sense

### Best Actor

- ☐ Russell Crow  
The Insider
- ☐ Richard Farnsworth  
The Straight Story
- ☐ Sean Penn  
Sweet & Low Down
- ☐ Denzel Washington  
Hurricane
- ☐ Kevin Spacey  
American Beauty

### Best Actress

- ☐ Annette Bening  
American Beauty
- ☐ Janet McTeer  
Tumbleweeds
- ☐ Meryl Streep  
Music Of The Heart
- ☐ Julianne Moore  
End Of The Affair
- ☐ Hilary Swank  
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- ☐ Michael Caine  
Cider House Rules
- ☐ Tom Cruise  
Magnolia
- ☐ Jude Law  
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- ☐ Michael Clarke Duncan  
Green Mile
- ☐ Haley Joel Osment  
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### Best Supporting Actress

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Sixth Sense
- ☐ Angelina Jolie  
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- ☐ Samantha Morton  
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Being John Malkovich
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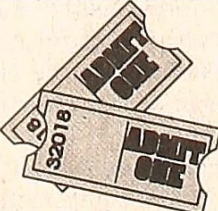
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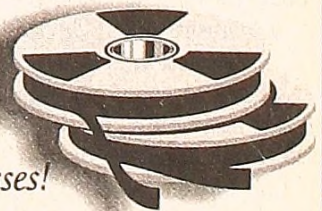
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## Two week suspension not enough for gambling

Controversy continues to toss its ugly wrench into the wheels that run city government in Westland. Last week it was revealed through an investigation by Fox 2 Problem Solvers, that longtime Westland Friendship Director and city employee Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek was spending part of her work day gambling at the Motor City Casino.

A week before that, DDA chairperson, Kim Shunkwiler was unceremoniously canned when it came time for reappointment because he had the gall to support the Mayor's opponent in the last election. Despite many city improvement plans in the works the civic-minded chiropractor was told to hit the road.

And then there is the ongoing saga of fired city clerk Pat Gibbons. Supporters of Gibbons continue to pack city hall decrying favoritism. Although turned down by guess who, City Council, petitioners plan to put a proposal on the ballot that would elect Westland's clerk instead of the current system where the clerk is appointed by the city council. Those same supporters are attempting to gather signatures to recall the four council people that voted for Gibbons' dismissal.

It's no wonder that those wheels haven't grinded to a halt. Mayor Robert Thomas, who has largely remained above the fray, acted swiftly after viewing the Fox 2 tape that shows Kozorosky-Wiacek gambling. He slapped a two week suspension without pay on Kozorosky-Wiacek and a one week suspension on the driver of the city vehicle, Mike Sigworth that escorted Kozorosky-Wiacek and part-time city worker Nancy Guaetta to The casino.

Although Kozorosky-Wiacek has served the city well for nearly 30-years, a two week suspension hardly seems adequate. The director that makes nearly \$72,000 a year, ought to know this type of behavior is unacceptable. A more appropriate action would have been to suspend Kozorosky-Wiacek without pay for at least a month. The two week suspension is nothing more than a slap on the wrist.

One might even make a case that the embarrassment Kozorosky-Wiacek caused

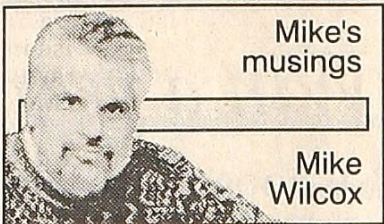
the City was much worse than the inefficiencies that supposedly led to the dismissal of clerk, Pat Gibbons. Gibbons was fired by the council. Kozorosky-Wiacek was slapped on the wrist by the Mayor. Might the discrepancy in punishment be related to the unfailing allegiance Kozorosky-Wiacek possesses for the Mayor and Council? My guess is it certainly does.

It is only March and 2000 has wrought more controversy on Westland politics than any whole election year. And the picture gets darker. Expect the elected clerk proposition to get on the next ballot. There is no good reason, in my opinion, to have the clerk beholden to the City Council. Let's take the politics out of this position, and have a true, autonomous clerk's office like most of the city's around us.

Expect the recall movement to continue to press for the heads of Griffin, Cox, James and Scott. Sharon Scott is first up on the platter. Recall proponents feel she is the most susceptible to recall and plan to get her name on the ballot as soon as possible. It will be interesting to see how this plays out, but if past elections serve as a guide, Thomas with the help of Kozorosky-Wiacek's senior citizens, will be able to enlist enough supporters to turn back any recall attempts.

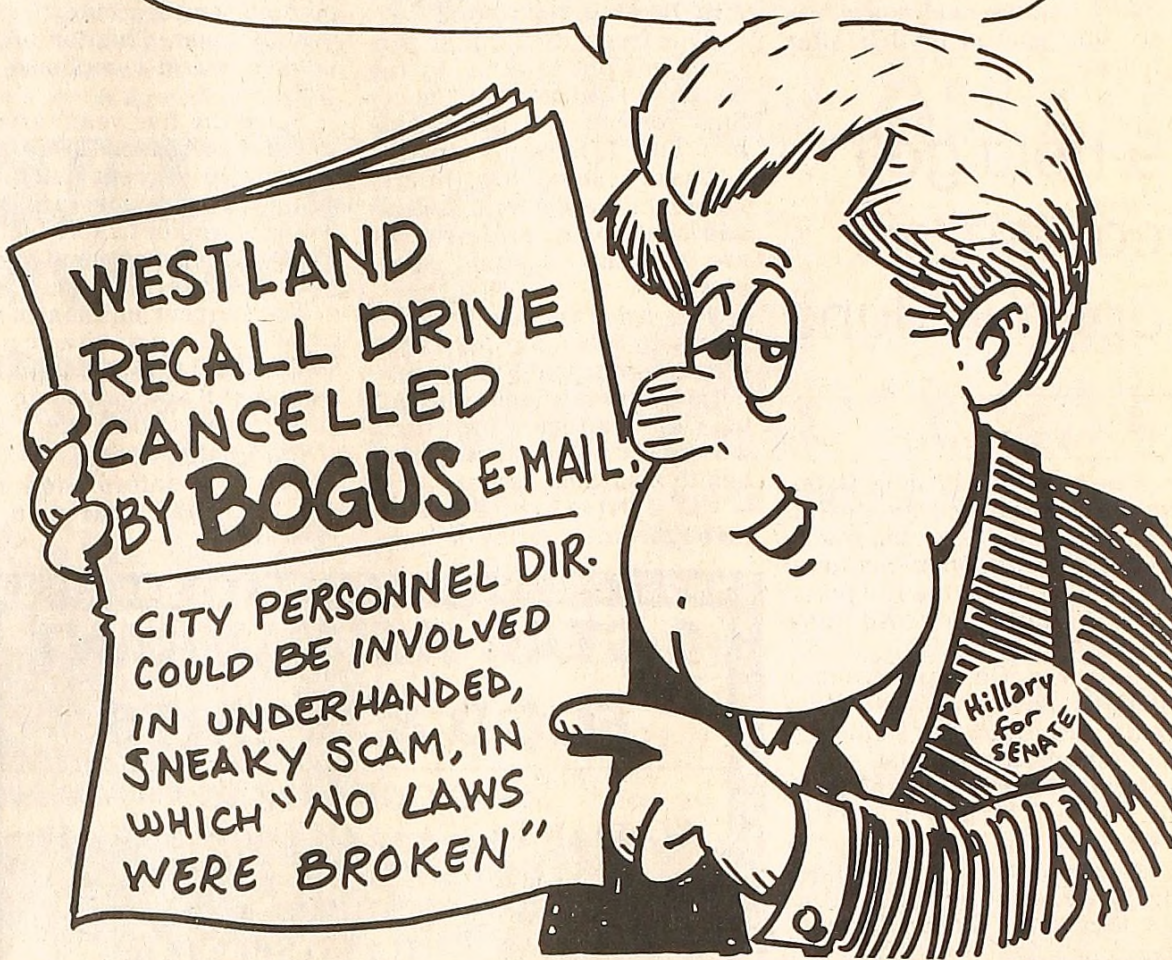
A more foreboding issue that voters will face in May, is a one mil increase for the incinerator shared by several communities, Westland being the largest. Westland residents are being asked to foot the bill to keep this process operating even though competing landfills charge, much less for the same service. The problem is the City is locked in to a long term contract. How voters will react to this issue remains to be seen, but my guess is it will be an extremely tumultuous election when voters finally catch wind of the issue.

But then again, controversy is only normal in Westland politics.



Mike's musings  
Mike Wilcox

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## Retaliation against whistleblower was wrong

Hundreds of protesters have raised a hue and cry over the Westland City Council's 4-3 decision not to re-appoint Pat Gibbons as city clerk, but they have all missed the point: the vote against her may have been illegal.

This will come as a surprise to supporters of the drive to recall Council President Trav Griffin and council members David Cox, David James, and Sharon Scott, the four members who voted against Gibbons's re-appointment.

Though the recall supporters were spurred into action by the degrading way that Gibbons, an at-will employee, was put on paid leave, booted out of her office, and stripped of her city hall keys by Griffin and Cox, the supporters acknowledge the council majority's right to let go of an at-will employee.

While it's true that the city's charter empowers the council to appoint the clerk and for the clerk to serve at the council's will, there are limitations.

While there are a few absolutes in America, such as death, taxes, and potholes, there are usually limitations.

For example, under the Open Meetings Act, citizens are entitled to speak at city council meetings. But, as Council President Griffin has proven, this right has been limited by our friends the judges to the right of reasonable speech. In Westland, this means a citizen can speak for two minutes with a one-minute grace period.

Similarly, judges have limited what can be done to an at-will employee if that employee, like Gibbons, is a whistleblower.

Under section two of the state's Whistleblowers' Protection Act: "an employer shall not dis-



Ivan Helfman

charge, threaten, or otherwise discriminate against an employee regarding the employee's compensation, terms, conditions, location, or privileges of employment because the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the employee, reports or is about to report, verbally or in writing, a violation or a suspected violation of a law or regulation or rule promulgated pursuant to law of this state, a political subdivision of this state, or the United States to a public body, unless the employee knows that the report is false, or because an employee is requested by a public body to participate in an investigation, hearing, or inquiry held by that public body, or a court action."

As followers of the Gibbons brouhaha know, Gibbons blew her whistle on Griffin and Cox last year for printing election campaign literature on clerk's office stationary.

Less known was the other time that Gibbons blew her whistle.

It happened when Gibbons took office and conducted an inventory. The inventory revealed that an expensive laptop computer was missing from the clerk's office. Gibbons blew her whistle and the incident was reported to Westland police, but, I'm told, a reluctant council majority decided not to press the police for an all-out investigation.

While I'm still trying to find out which council members resisted

Councilmen Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc's efforts to pursue the loss or possible theft of the computer, we do know who Gibbons blew the whistle on for the stationary caper: Griffin and Cox.

Since she blew her whistle on Griffin and Cox, the pair may not have had a right to retaliate against her further employment under the Whistleblowers' Protection Act.

Because of the pair's apparent conflict of interest arising from Gibbons's grievance against them, it could be argued that they had no right to vote either way on Gibbons' re-appointment once Gibbons had been renominated in February.

Unfortunately, nobody asked City Attorney Angelo Plakas to consider whether Griffin and Cox had the right to place Gibbons on paid leave under the Whistleblowers' Protection Act. Plakas was merely asked if they had the right to do it under the Open Meetings Act and city's charter.

Consequently, Plakas will probably give citizens the right answer to the wrong question, wrongly implying that Gibbons was treated justly, if not decently.

If I were a Gibbons supporter, I would come to the next city council meeting with a whistle, and blow it for my two minutes or until Griffin asks Plakas - or, better yet, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm - to render an opinion on whether Councilman Griffin and Cox could retaliate against whistleblower Gibbons by voting not to re-appoint her or whether their apparent conflict of interest should have required them to abstain.

## Bedell's departure will leave a void

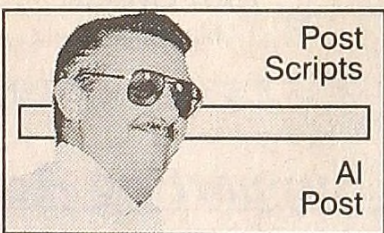
With the pending retirement of long time Romulus Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Bedell - the Metro Area media will lose one of their prime sources of alternate opinions on education, politics and other facets of their lifestyle hunts.

While many politicians try to personify conservative issues today, Bedell half-jokingly states he feels that he is one of the last living liberals facing the current media.

Bedell proudly displays a large full page replica of a Detroit daily newspaper photo and story entitled "The State's Most Feared Educator!"

He tells this writer and many others "the worst thing you can do to me...is quote me precisely!"

While not afraid to discuss any



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topic or person...Bedell surely did not fall into the Will Rogers style of social thinking of "I never met a man I didn't like."

The strong-willed superintendent will gladly quip "yeah, but Will Rogers never met John Engler."

Engler and Bedell have had their differences in the past decade...particularly in the field of educational financing, charter and home school operations.

It doesn't help Engler either that he is a life-long Republican.

Bedell never voted for a Republican in his life until last month. Not surprisingly it is reported that Bedell voted for Arizona Sen. John McCain.

But before Engler can feel too cocky - it should be reported that he is not Number One on Bedell's state and national political hate list. That belongs to former U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett.

It appears that Bedell will either have to formally present his home phone number to the "extended media upon his retirement...or the out-of-town media state their future Romulus stories will focus only on Metro Airport, topless bars or deepwell battles.

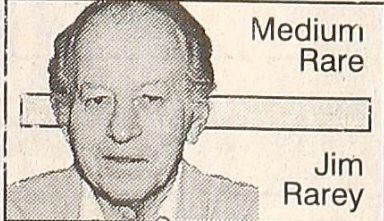
Can't understand it Bill, how come my Year 2000 calendar only has six months?

## Charter school wants, doesn't need Canton's blessing

The Canton Planning Commission has recommended against approval of the application for a charter school (K-8) by the for profit limited liability corporation, Charter Development Company. The company operates a network of twenty-two charter schools in Michigan and North Carolina under the name of National Heritage Academies.

The site rejected by the Planning Commission is the second attempt by the company to locate a school in Canton. An earlier site was rejected by the city.

The same company will be constructing and operating a similar school in the City of Romulus. As in Canton, the Romulus Plan-



Medium Rare  
Jim Rarey

ning Commission, by a five to two vote (with two abstentions), recommended against approval.

However the City Council dismissed the application on the grounds that city zoning requirements could not be enforced against public schools, including charter schools which are considered public schools under state law.

The action was based on a

written opinion by the City Attorney who cited two 1999 court cases where Circuit Courts ruled that state law preempted local zoning ordinances. Appeals were denied by the State Appeals and Supreme Courts in one case (Flat Rock), thus upholding the lower court decision.

Public school districts generally oppose charter schools because they would siphon off basic grant funds for students from the district who enrolled at charter schools.

Charter schools are subject to most of the same requirements that regular public schools must follow, although they do not provide transportation for students to

and from school.

One of the claims made (in Romulus) was that charter school students score significantly higher on state MEAP tests. That claim may not endear the charter schools to some parents' organizations who claim the MEAP tests are aimed at indoctrinating students with politically correct attitudes rather than basic skills. The Dearborn School District recently announced it was revising its science curriculum in an attempt to raise the MEAP test scores.

For whatever reason, the charter school company obviously wishes to have the endorsement of city governments, and only takes court action as a last resort.



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# Letters from our readers

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

## Resident responds to Westland Councilman David Cox

To the Editor:  
At the last council meeting (long after I had left), during council comments, David Cox went on and on so I thought I would address a few of his comments.  
First, Mr. Cox said that Marion Greenfield was the person who, in 1982, led the recall of four schoolboard members and then he went on about a recall effort of Bill Faust and Justine Barnes. Not saying but giving the impression that Mrs. Greenfield runs all the recalls in Westland.

Mr. Cox, I know the two women who ran the schoolboard recall, and let me tell you neither one was Mrs. Greenfield. I've tried to understand your logic and it's not easy. Not knowing if Mrs. Greenfield ever signed a recall or how many... and knowing before you were appointed back on the council you had left your wife and I say, were living with another woman in Wayne, trying to find a place to list as your place in Westland, I guess using your logic, you would be the King of Adultery in Westland.

Second, while addressing Mr. Anderson, you let it slip that Sharon Scott was running for State Rep. Let me remind everyone that last year I wrote two letters, one saying that for voting to put David Cox back on council, Justine Barnes would be appointed to the zoning or planning boards (it was the planning commission).

And as for the last minute mudd tossing by Andy Spisak, there must be something in it for Andy. (It was the planning commission.) I also told people that for her vote to put David Cox back on the council Sharon Scott was told they would back her for State Rep.

Mr. Cox, you got off your script when you said Sharon Scott was running for State Rep. I hope Charlie Griffin and Bob Thomas don't take you behind the wood shed and spank you.

Third, Mr. Cox went on about the city workers using city vehicles and that it was worth it to get the best people. At one point he addressed Sylvia Wiacek and was echoed by Charlie Griffin in praises of her service to the city. When the camera went on Sylvia, she looked as if someone had been yelling at her.

It wasn't until I watch channel 2's news on Monday evening that I found out what happened earlier that day. Hey boys, is Sylvia an at-win employee? If so, when are you going to take her keys?

Mr. Cox, at the end of the council meeting you threw a lot of crap without saying anything but if you listen you will hear the truth. You just have to listen for it. I hope Charlie and Bob don't muzzle you because if we take the time, we will hear the truth!

Sincerely,  
James R. Davis

## Crossover votes compromised Presidential Primary Election

To the editor:  
I am 67 years old and Tuesday, 2/22/00, I saw, for the first time in my life, what I consider to be a corrupt election. They say that Kennedy's election was bought by his father, Joseph Kennedy. I don't remember, but have read it several times.

It doesn't matter what my party affiliation might be, but I believe the election was greatly compromised, and that we are in danger of bringing down our system of electing leaders in our nation. This is only the beginning. I have heard, both on TV and the radio, how Independents and "crossover" Democrats had won the Republican Primary Election by casting votes for Sen. McCain, so Gov. Bush would not win, then when the General Election comes in November those same people will vote for their Democratic nominee. Is that fair? I understand it is legal, but I cannot see the fairness.

I spoke to one person who had a rather cavalier attitude about it. Perhaps we did win the Republican's Primary legally, but I believe that this invites corruption as we have never seen or experienced. What comes next? Was it not Kruschev who said they (Russian) didn't have to fire a shot to destroy us. They would bury us from within. Is this "sabotage" of our electoral system part of what he spoke about?

Win or lose, I've always been proud of this country and I'm not one to feel that "the system has let me down." However, I wonder if we're not living on the edge now. Isn't it about time we give some real serious thought as to the freedom we enjoy, and this wonderful freedom our boys have sacrificed their lives for in all the wars they have fought that we might have a "fair," not forced election.

Think about it!  
Faye Langford  
Belleville



## How could government promote ruinous gambling

To the Editor:  
It was predicted and it was predictable. The insatiable quest by local and state government for money which symbolizes political power has a downside and it is now just beginning to assert itself.

Cases in point: Firstly, there is and will be a need to dramatically raise the Social Welfare line item in their respective budgets along with its sub-directories. Secondly, a preparation for the resurgence and increase in members of Gamblers Anonymous. Thirdly, an increase in prostitutes, pimps and pickpockets at the key gambling intersections. Fourthly, an increase in

all levels of crime which means an increase in the police force, and a subsequent increase in the number of victims. This will be especially frightening when we live in an environment where the innocent are not allowed the basic tools of self defense. Fifth, an increase in lost jobs, lost homes, lost businesses, more suicides, along with family disruptions and divorce. Sixth, notwithstanding the wailing of the portectors of this type of leisure time activity, there is and will be a continued rise in the level of human depravity and once basic valued, high standard values.

Now I am looking forward to when the addicted, the demoralized and the soon to be dregs of society find the ways and means to file suit against government at both a local and state level. For in a court of

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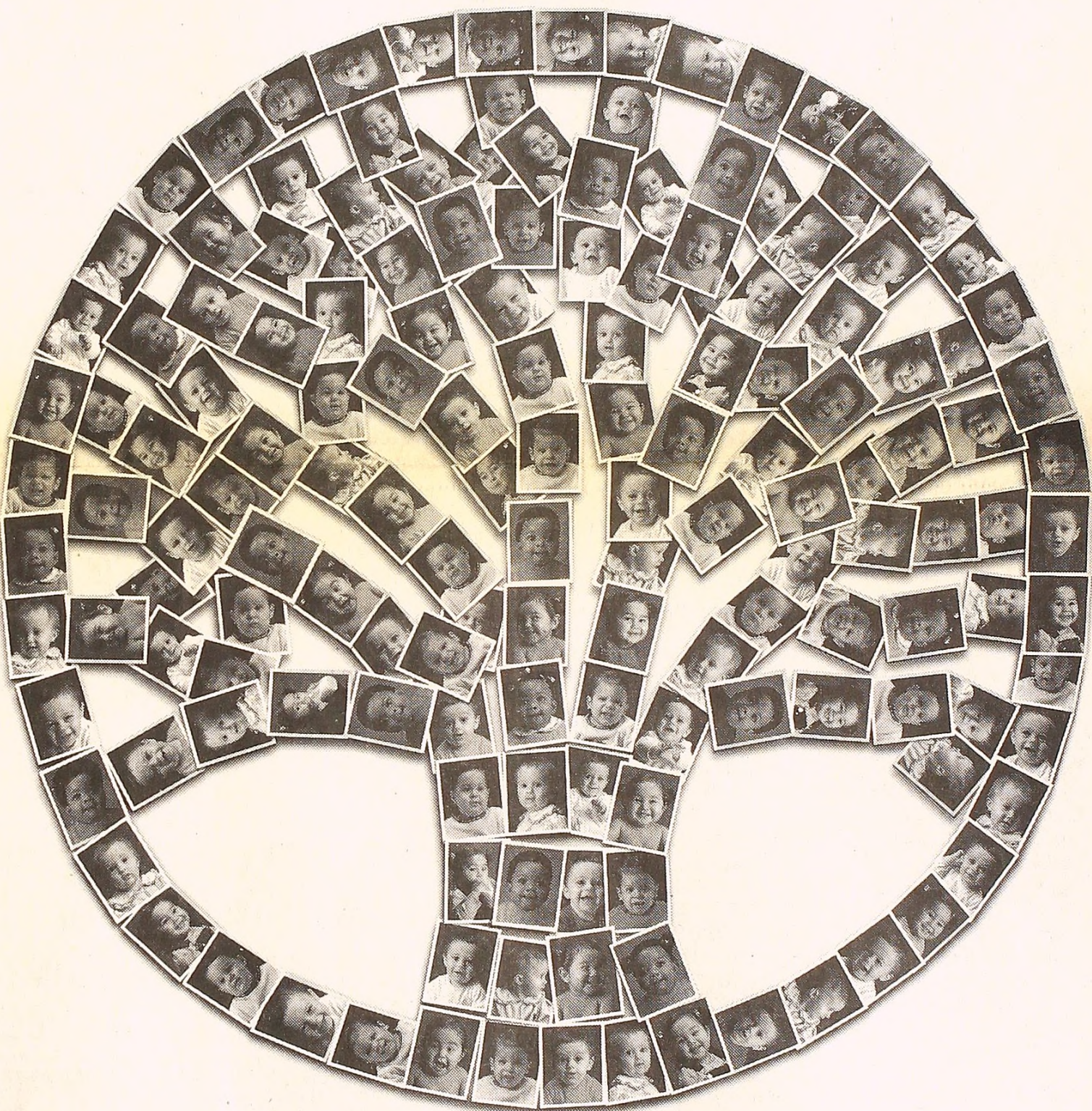
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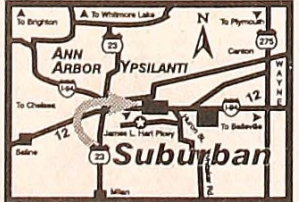
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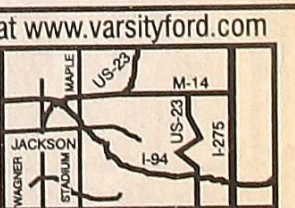
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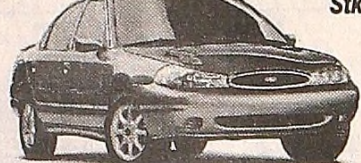
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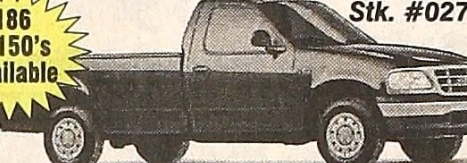
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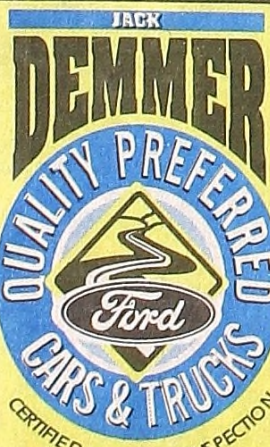
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# Belleville, Romulus, Robichaud

## But they'll face tough opposition in Wayne Memorial and John Glenn advance

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

As expected, Belleville, Romulus and Dearborn Heights Robichaud breezed past their first-round district playoff opposition without working up a sweat.

And also, as expected, the three will find the opposition ready and willing to take them on.

Belleville destroyed a 18-2

Garden City team, 78-69, as senior Kevin Harrison got into his playoff mode and drilled 24 points to lead coach Rod Fisher's Tigers into the semifinal round of the Class A district playoffs staged at Romulus High.

Harrison's teammate Kris Miller tossed in 19 points in the Tigers' 15th victory in 20 starts.

Belleville advanced Wednesday to the semis to find

a trouble-plagued Westland John Glenn waiting for them. The winner will meet the survivor of the Romulus-Wayne Memorial game Friday night for the district title.

The championship at Romulus High will be decided beginning at 7 p.m.

In the other bracket, Romulus ripped a feeble Livonia Franklin team, 85-50, as coach Guy DelGiudice turned to his

bench indiscriminately throughout most of the second half.

Kevin Thomas teamed with Byron Cole to lead the Eagles. Thomas tossed in a game high 24 points, while Cole came out with 20 for the 19-2 Eagles.

Robichaud will face none other than neighboring Inkster in the semis at Divine Child after the Bulldogs took out their frustrations on cross-town rival, Annapolis, 83-47.

Senior Chris Walker and Ron McGrew combined for 43 of the Bulldogs' 83 points. Walker's 24 stood up as the game's high.

In the other bracket, D. C. ended Crestwood's season, 65-50. The Falcons are a perennial district title favorite and may have to take it away from Robichaud on Friday.

In the meantime, Plymouth-Salem and Plymouth-Canton have waited on the sidelines to

find out who their semifinal opponents will be. They play tonight at the Class A district hosted by Novi.

Coach Bob Brodie and the Rocks will see action tonight against the winner of Tuesday night's first-round game between Livonia Churchill and Novi. Canton plays Northville in the semifinals and the district title game is slated for 7 p.m. on Saturday.

## Romulus reaches its 2nd goal: Wins Mega playoff championship



Romulus High reached its second goal of the season by winning its first Mega Conference Playoff Championship to go along with the first-place trophy for the Mega-Red Division title. Romulus High Athletic Director Jessie Meriweather (above, at right) offers coach Guy DelGiudice congratulations and the first-place plaque after the Eagles turned back a stubborn Belleville team in the championship game. Photo by Brown's Special Services.

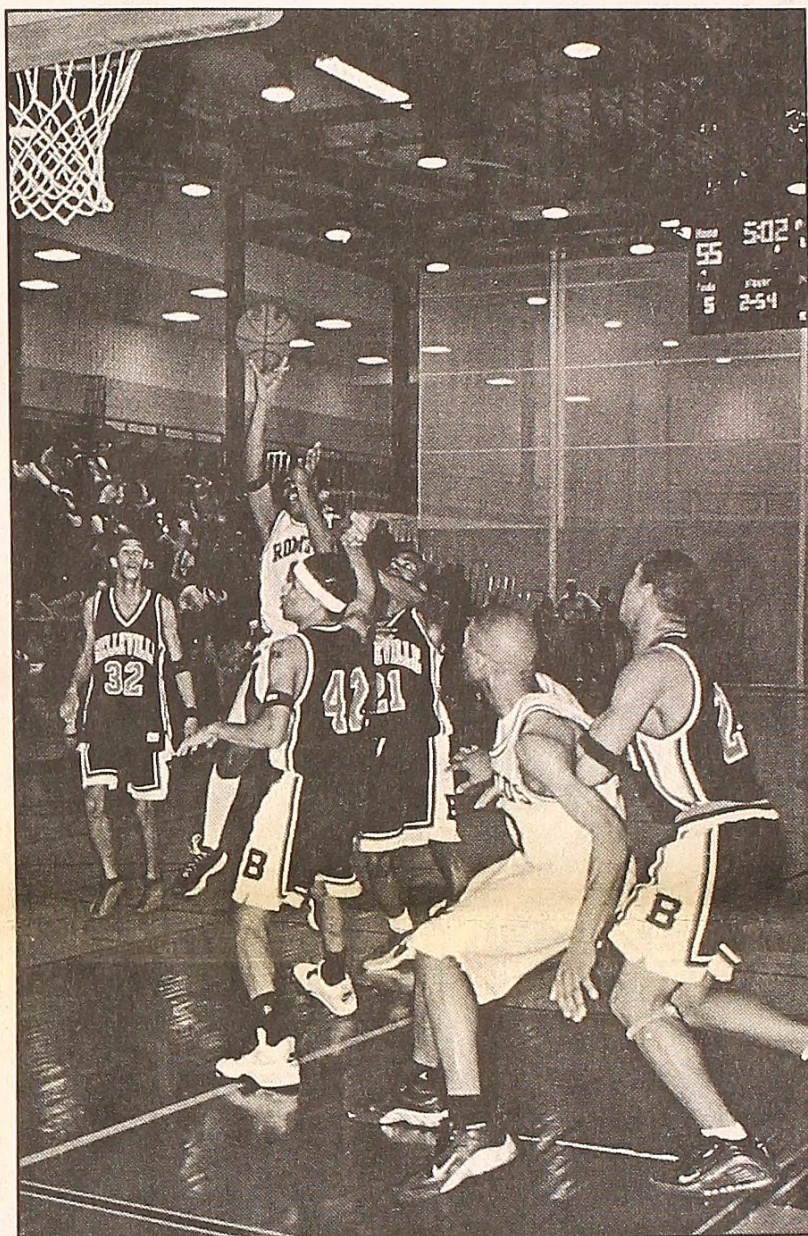
## Champs trounce Tigers

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

With a decisive 74-51 victory Friday night over neighboring Belleville, Romulus reached its second goal of the 1999-2000 basketball season.

Coach Guy DelGiudice and the Eagles added the Mega Conference playoff championship to their impressive list of achievements. They began the Class A district tournament Monday with an 18-2 won-lost record and two titles stashed away for safe-keeping.

*Cole also had a sterling game.*



Romulus's Byron Cole bolts through the middle of the Belleville defense and goes up for this layup during the playoff title game. Cole came up with 13 points and six rebounds along with seven assists. Belleville and Romulus could possibly meet Friday night to decide the Class A District title, which Romulus also is hosting. Photo by Brown's Special Services

## 'Died by the 3's', Salem loses playoff title to North

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

They had beaten a highly-heralded Walled Lake Western team in their last outing.

They had momentum and wanted a piece of North Farmington, the Western Lakes Conference co-champ.

But Plymouth-Salem just didn't have enough in reserve to stop North from claiming its second conference title this year. North shared the WLAA regular season championship with Walled Lake Western, and then captured the conference playoff championship with a

hard-fought victory over Salem.

Coach Bob Brodie's Rocks wasted a career high 30 points from center Matt McCaffrey and fell 67-61 at Livonia Churchill. McCaffrey drilled six of those 30 points in the first period to stake his team to a 15-11 lead.

But a horrific eight minutes during which Salem scored only two baskets and a pair of free throws left the Lakes' Division tri-champs looking at a scoreboard at the intermission with North up 27-21.

It didn't get any better for the Rocks after the half.

"We committed a total of 19 turnovers in the second and third periods," Brodie later commented. "It's obvious when you're playing for a title, mistakes can make the difference."

They did. North capitalized on Salem's miscues and widened their lead to 50-37 for three. The Rocks struggled to get back into the game. They didn't make it.

There were three positive Salem signs: McCaffrey's performance; the Rocks' effort-at

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## In overtime Dearborn Fordson edges Wayne

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne lived and timed in overtime last week.

Coach Chuck Henry's Zebras got an at-the-buzzer basket from Gary Johnson which tied the game with Fordson at 68, but in the extra period, the Tractors came back and outscored their visitors, 4-3, to end the Mega Conference playoffs with an impressive 72-71 victory.

It was a disappointing and heart-quenching loss for the Zebras.

Johnson's basket came with 13 seconds left in regulation. "We had a good shot at winning this one," Henry said. "Unfortunately we let it slip away."

Close right down to the final whistle, Wayne led, 16-12, after the first period and remained

*Wayne finished the regular season with a 9-11 overall record.*

in front 27-24. But Fordson outscored their visitors, 21-16, and went up 45-43 for three, setting the stage for the suspenseful finish.

Johnson, who has stepped up his game in the stretch, scored a team high 25 points. Wayne senior guard Sean Novak chipped in with 21, while teammates Matt Patterson and Justin Goins each scored 10 points.

Fordson received a game-high 27 points from guard Bassem Salamah.

The Tractors had a definite

edge at the free throw line where the game eventually was decided. The hosts cashed in 20 of 29 charities as compared to Wayne's six of eight.

Earlier last week, Wayne managed to pull out a 65-64 victory over Dearborn Heights Robichaud. The game also was decided in overtime as Goins connected on a three-pointer with just nine seconds remaining to force the OT.

But it was Robichaud's prolific scorer Chris Walker who stole the show. Though double-teamed most of the evening, Walker managed to score a game high 28 points. Teammate Rob McGrew had 10.

It was Johnson again who paced the Zebras. He tossed in 24 points. Goins finished with 15 points.

Wayne finished the regular season with a 9-11 overall record.

"I proud of these kids, but we can't stop to reflect on anything at this time," said DelGiudice on Sunday as he prepared for the first-round of the district playoffs. See related story on this page.

DelGiudice added that "this is also no time for a letdown. As you know, one loss brings curtains for the season."

In the rematch with Belleville, DelGiudice described the game as "one of those typical hard-fought Romulus-Belleville battles, but this time the ball bounced our way."

Especially in the fourth quarter, a period that the Eagles outscored the Tigers by an incredible 25-8 margin. It was close up to that point.

Romulus, led by the reliable Kevin Thomas, Byron Cole and Chris Garwood, had a 15-9 advantage after the first period and the champs widened the gap to 30-22 before the intermission.

Belleville came back and outscored the hosts, 21-19, to close to within six, 49-43, but a 10-point Romulus run early in the fourth quarter moved the Eagles out of reach and to their second peak.

Thomas' contribution of 20 points and five rebounds and Garwood, who knocked down 12 rebounds and blocked seven shots to go along with his 15 points, were decisive factors in this third Belleville-Romulus game.

"It was Chris's best overall game of the season," DelGiudice offered. "He did it all for us in this game. I am just hoping he can continue to turn it on for the playoffs."

Cole also had a sterling game. His contributions in the playoff championship game included 13 points, six rebounds and seven assists.

Belleville got 16 points from Chris Miller, but Miller was the only player to reach double figures as Tiger senior, Kevin Harrison, finished with eight.

## Inkster falls to Dearborn in Mega playoffs

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

It hasn't been an easy year for first-year basketball coach Bo Dukes.

And Dearborn High didn't make it any easier for Dukes and the Inkster Vikings last week in the final Mega Conference Red-White Division playoff game.

The Pioneers, led by 6-6 Scott Golem, crushed Inkster, 65-53, at Dearborn High School, bringing the proverbial curtains down on the regular season.

Both teams commence district competition this week.

The Vikings fell behind by three (16-13) and never could catch up, despite outstanding performances from Derrick Kincannon and James Swanigan.

After trailing 33-28 and 42-33 at the end of the second and third quarters, Kincannon led an early Viking fourth quarter rally which pulled the visitors within one, 48-47, before a rash of Inkster turnovers and missed shots stifled their bid.

The Pioneers capitalized on Inkster's misfortunes and went on to post the 12-point victory.

Kincannon scored nine of his team high 19 points in the final eight minutes of the game. No other Inkster player hit in double figures, but Swanigan came up with nine points and seven rebounds.

*Walker drilled a game high 20 points to boost the Bulldogs' overall record to 12-8 on the year.*

Golem finished with a game-high 25 points.

The loss left Inkster with a 2-17 overall record for the regular season. The Vikings were scheduled to play Robichaud Wednesday night in the semifinal round of the Class B districts staged at Dearborn Divine Child.

In their final appearance in the Mega Conference playoffs, Robichaud jolted Taylor Truman, 56-53, a game that also went into overtime. Robichaud's Windell Winn came through with a three-pointer just before the final buzzer to salvage the victory for coach Monte Dennard's Bulldogs.

It was Chris Walker, as it has been all season long, who played a pivotal role of putting the "W" in the Robichaud column.

Walker drilled a game high 20 points to boost the Bulldogs' overall record to 12-8 on the year.

Truman finished with an even .500 mark (10-10).



# Glenn puts it together, in time for playoffs

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Just in time for the district playoffs, Westland John Glenn appears to have found its winning touch.

Coach Mike Schuette's Rockets shot down Livonia Franklin, 45-33, in the Western Lakes Athletic Conference second-division playoffs. The victory boosted Glenn's overall record to 5-15 on the year.

Although it wasn't a game anyone would want to write home about, however, Glenn did show signs of improvement on defense and 6-8 center Yaku Moton showed he can dominate the boards.

Glenn placed two players in double figures. Michael Franklin's 14 stood up as the Rockets' individual scoring honors. Moton contributed 12

points.

Franklin received 14 points for the Patriots.

The Westlanders, who drew a first round bye in the Class A district playoffs scheduled for Romulus, were scheduled to take on Belleville, one of the top teams in the Mega Conference, Red Division, in the semifinal round.

Belleville ended Garden

## WYAA sets baseball date

Westland Young Athletic Association officials announced this week that they are signing up players for the summer baseball and softball leagues.

Players, ages 4 to 18, are welcomed to register between the hours of 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 10 to noon on Saturday at the WYAA

City's season in the first-round.

Here are the second round pairing for the Class A playoffs at Romulus High School.

### District Playoffs

Wednesday, March 8  
6:30 p.m. Wayne Memorial vs. Romulus  
8:00 p.m. John Glenn vs. Belleville

Friday, March 10  
7:00 p.m. Championship

Lange Compound, located on Farmington Road, two block north of Ford Road. WYAA traditionally has fielded scores of boys baseball and girls' softball teams.

Parents, or players, who need further information are welcomed to contact WYAA Publicist Keith DeMolay who can be reached at 734/722-1251.



## Reach for it

Romulus's Byron Cole (23) and Belleville's Kris Miller duel for this rebound in a game that decided the Mega Conference playoff championship. Cole and the Eagles reached their second peak of the season by turning back Belleville and picking up their second title of the 1999-2000 campaign. Romulus is favored to win the district, but Wayne Memorial and Belleville may yet have something to say about who will claim the title. Photo by Brown's Special Services.

## Romulus seeks teams

The Romulus Parks and Recreation is looking for softball team managers who are seeking league action for their clubs.

Parks and recreation officials say that they are continuing to accept registration for teams in several leagues: Red (Class B and C); White (C and D) and Blue (D and lower) for their summer softball program.

The final day to register for league play is April 7.

Other leagues planned this summer include a Monday/Wednesday Men's White Division which will consist of nine teams that will play a 21-game schedule.

Game times in the White Division are 6:30 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 8:50 p.m. and 10 p.m. There is a \$575 registration fee.

There is also a Monday/Wednesday Women's White Division on the drawing boards that will consist of eight teams which is scheduled to play 14 games beginning at 6:30 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 8:50 p.m. and 10 p.m. The entry fee is \$375 per team.

A Friday Men's Red Division, made up of eight teams and a 14-game schedule.

## Salem

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the free throw line and their refuse to quit when things didn't go their way.

McCaffrey's 30 points and play around and on the boards kept the Rocks in contention.

Ryan Cook also came up with 14 points for the Rocks, but no other Salem player hit in double figures.

Salem was also deadly at the free throw line where the Rocks canned an incredible 16 of 17 attempts.

But North countered with their long-range artillery. They made 10 three-pointers and placed three players in double

figures. Phil Watha scored a team high 26 points and Brian Shulman contributed 17 while Emir Medunjanin came through with 14.

"We definite died by their '3's' and, of course, our turnovers," Brodie concluded.

The loss left Salem with an overall 11-9 season as they enter the Class A district tournament at Novi.

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# Ex-Salem star selected MAC's Senior Swimmer of Year

Behind the outstanding performances of a former Plymouth-Salem swim star, Eastern Michigan University's Men's Swimming & Diving team recaptured the Mid-American Conference championship.

Eric Seidelman, who prepped at Plymouth-Salem and swam for coach Chuck Olson's teams in the early 1990's, stood out during the season and the championships. Eric is a 1995 graduate of Salem High School.

Seidelman, an Eastern Michigan University senior and team Tri-Captain, led the Eagles to a 764 point-final score that narrowly beat out defending MAC champ, Miami of Ohio University, which garnered 750 points.

During the grueling three-day championship event hosted by Bowling Green State University, Seidelman led the Eagles with two individual first place finishes, one second place finish and he also swam on two of the winning relay teams.

Seidelman's efforts helped the EMU Eagles win their 20th MAC Championship. For his personal contribution to the championship team, Seidelman was selected as MAC's "Senior Swimmer of the Year."

Seidelman also was named to the Mid-American Conference Championship First Team.

Seidelman took honors in three individual events - the 100 and 200 yard freestyle and his 20.34 was good enough for a second place in the 50-yard freestyle which also qualified him for the NCAA national Invitational.

In relay competition, EMU's 200 freestyle and the 400-medley relays led the pack to the wire with times of 1:21.57 and 3:20.47.

EMU coach Pete Linn said he was very pleased with the overall performance of his team.

Schools competing in this year's MAC competition included Ball State University, Bowling Green State



Eric Seidelman

University, University of Buffalo, EMU, Miami of Ohio University, North Illinois University, Ohio University and the University of Toledo.

# Attention Wayne softball teams

Attention, city of Wayne softball players and managers. The city of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is presently accepting registration for its men and women's summer softball leagues.

Recreation officials also are looking for teams for their Co-ed and men's Over 40 softball leagues.

Registration is being accepted at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Proposed divisions and the evenings teams will compete are as follows: Monday - Women's League; Tuesday - Men's Class D League; Wednesday - Co-Ed League and Men's Over 40; Thursday - Men's D League; Friday - Men's D/E League and Men's Over 40 League.

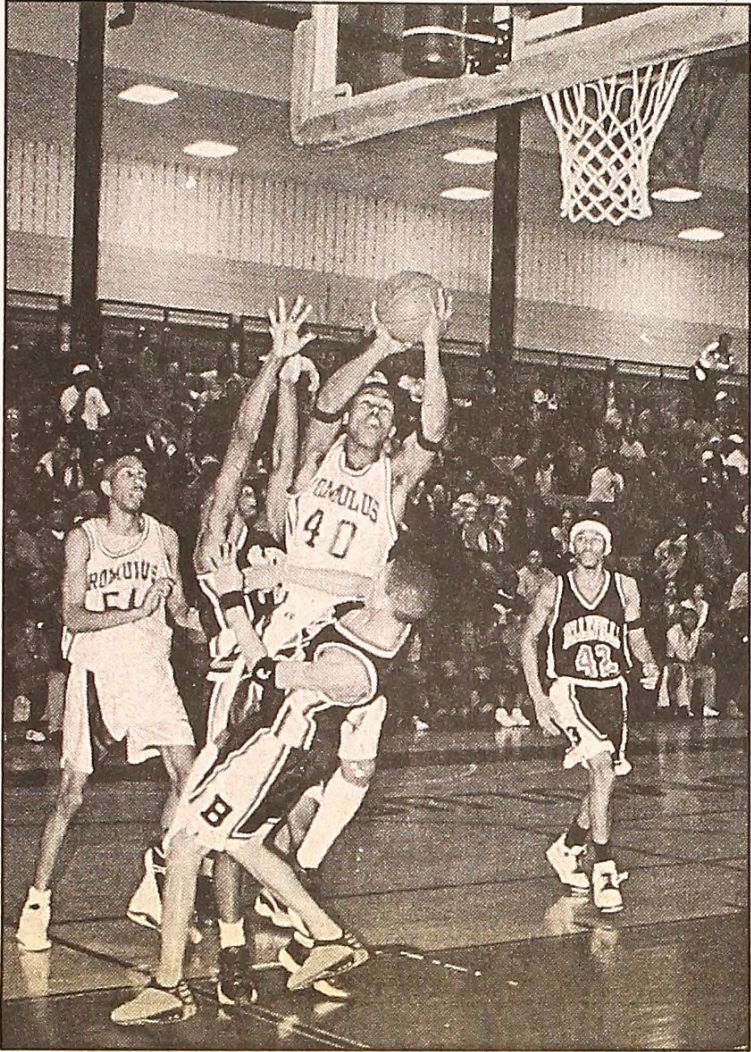
There is a \$425 registration fee.

City officials say that there is no residency requirement to belong to a team. The schedule includes 14-15 games, one umpire per game. There will also be an official scorekeeper.

During the season, an All-Star Game is planned as well as post-season playoffs.

Awards will be presented to the championship teams in each of the divisions.

Managers or team representatives who need more information are invited to contact Steve Winkelman by dialing 734/721-7400.



# Moss under his feet

Like an Eagle, Romulus's Ray Moss (40) soars over a Belleville defender and goes to the hoop for two of his points during the Mega Conference playoffs Friday night at Romulus. Moss and the Eagles turned in a superlative team performance to add the playoff championship to their list of achievements this season. They will be the team to be at the Class A, District 15 tournament which Romulus is also hosting. The district championship will be decided on Friday at Romulus and could pit the same two teams in the finals. Photo by Brown's Special Events.

# Inkster seeking coaches

With the temperatures soaring near the 70-degree mark, it definitely is time to grease up the old mitt, get out the bats and balls and head down to the old ball park.

And if you're definitely a baseball enthusiast and have coaching ability, the I.P.A.C.T. group in Inkster would like to talk to you. I.P.A.C.T. stands for Inkster Parents and Children Together.

I.P.A.C.T., working closely in conjunction with the Inkster Parks and Recreation Department, is seeking volunteer baseball coaching for the upcoming season.

If you're 18 or older, have some coaching ability and have some spare time on your hands, I.P.A.C.T. officials would like to hear from you.

Contact Ruth E. Williams, athletic supervisor, Inkster Parks and Recreation, at 313/728-7530, extension 26.

# Johnson is named to All-MIAA Team

Brian Johnson, who made just about every "All" team in the area and conference as a member of Robichaud High School's basketball teams in the late 1990s, was named to the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Basketball Team last week.

The former Robichaud High star, who completed his junior year at Olivet College, was picked for second string honors.

Completing the Second Team lineup are Jeremy Hylar (Alma), Nate Karsten (Calvin), Seth Stapleton (Alma) and Craig Veldman (Hope).

The All-MIAA First Team lineup consists of Tim Czarnecki (Albion), Chad Kahle (Defiance), Ryan Klingler (Hope), Bruce Lawrence (Olivet), Brad Phillips (Kalamazoo), Mike Riley (Adrian), Jeremy Veenstra (Calvin) and Aaron Winkle (Calvin).

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## Ladies of Distinction

Top Ladies of Distinction Inc., Michigan Metro Chapter, hosted a cluster meeting recently at the Doubletree Hotel in the city of Romulus. Members of the national organization traveled from six states to attend the confab convened by Area V Director Lady Jeffery Williams. Attending from the Lone Star state were former National President Dorothy Chimney (at left), and National President Vivien Richard (right). Alderene Solomon (center) greeted her fellow Texans upon their arrival at the conference. Top Ladies Of Distinction is a national service organization whose focus is on service to various communities. The Michigan Metro Chapter will host a Scholarship Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 25, at the Booker T. Dozier Building in Inkster. Lady Janet Carter is the president and Lady Earnestine Williams serves as the chairperson of the annual event. Photo by Theola Jones.

## Philanthropist joins Starfish Services team

Community volunteer and philanthropist Susan Kleinpell was recently elected to the board of directors of Starfish Family Services.

Based in Inkster, Starfish Family is a private, nonprofit human service agency with 18 programs that annually serve more than 10,000 children, youth, adults and families from throughout Southeastern Michigan.

Kleinpell is co-founder of the LoveLight Foundation, an organization devoted to developing programs that alleviate problems faced by impoverished families, women and children. She is also a trustee at Children's Hospital of Michigan and a board member of the Children's Research Center of Michigan.

She will serve a three-year term on the Starfish Family Services' 20-member board.

According to Starfish Family Services' Chief Executive Officer Ouida G. Cash, Ed.D., Kleinpell will bring an important perspective to Starfish

Family Services' board of directors.

"Susan is one of the Detroit area's most prominent and active citizens. Her dedication to improving the welfare of children fits well with our agency's focus on prevention," says Cash.

Cash went on to say that "We are also looking forward to tapping into Susan's nonprofit leadership savvy. As one of the co-founders of the LoveLight Foundation, Susan's business and organizational sense will be invaluable as she helps to steer the agency through both growth and stability periods."

The Starfish Family Services "continuum of care" provides counseling, residential programs and community-based programs for children from birth through 21 years of age, as well as support, education, crisis programs and counseling for parents and other community members.

For more information about Starfish Family Services, call 734/728-3400.

## Optimists to hear investment strategist

Sabrina Warren-Bush will be the keynote speaker at the Optimist Club of Inkster's monthly meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 23 at the Booker T. Dozier Parks and Recreation Complex, Middlebelt Road, north of Michigan Ave.

Warren-Bush is a prominent sales and marketing representative of The Chapman Company. Prior to joining Chapman's, Warren Bush served as vice president of Maryland National Bank.

The keynote speaker also has provided money management advice on radio and television shows throughout the country.

Previously, Warren-Bush served as the "Your Money" reporter for Baltimore's WJZ-TV and currently is host of "The Chapman Money", a weekly call-in segment on WOLB 1010 AM where she keeps listeners in tuned with money and financial issues.

Warren-Bush conducts investment seminars for numerous organizations including the NAACP, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, National Association of Black Accountants, Delta Sigma Theta and many others.

The president of the Inkster Optimist Club is John D. Hearn, Jr., while Lawrence R. Wells serves as secretary-treasurer.

## Greater Missionary celebrates

The Greater First Missionary Baptist Church congregation will celebrate the 76th anniversary of the church's birth during ceremonies scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on March 25.

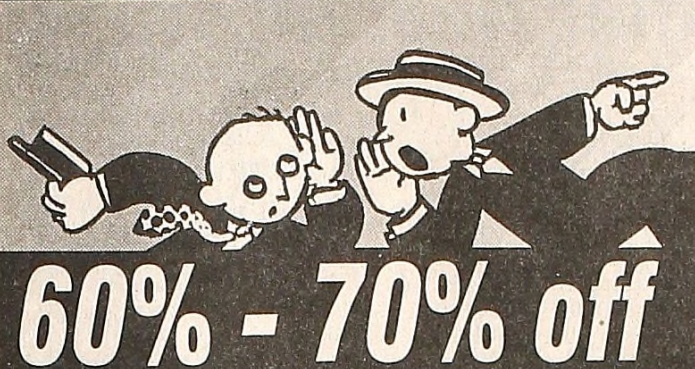
The celebration will be staged at the Baylor/Woodson Complex, 28665 Carlyle Ave.

The Rev. W.W. Goode, pastor at the church says that the program will feature the "Mighty Voices of Wonder of Detroit", and the Greater Inspirational of Inkster.

There is a \$22.50 donation requested.

Also, the church will be hosting a birthday celebration for Pastor Goode at 5 p.m. on March 18 at the Sveden House, 22321 Eureka Road in Taylor.

Friends and members are invited to attend this happy occasion.



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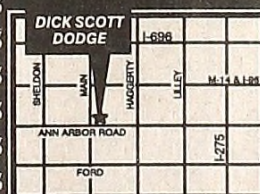
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## Parent-teacher talks set in Westwood schools

Just a reminder that the Westwood Community School District will host parent-teacher conference at the Robichaud Senior and Junior High schools will host parent-teacher conferences.

The conferences are scheduled for noon to 2:30 p.m. on March 30 at the high school. Robichaud Senior and Junior High School administration and staff urge parents and guardians to take this opportunity to meet with teachers.

Teachers will discuss students' academic standings and progress, and address parental concerns. They will answer questions.

"All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend," notes Kathleen Andrew. "We look forward to seeing you at our parent-teacher conference."

For those who have questions, please telephone 313/565-8850.

Robichaud High School is located at 3601 Janet Avenue in Dearborn Heights. The school district also serves a portion of the Heights as well as the city of Inkster.

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### ADDITIONAL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

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March 11th & 12th 1950's Theme  
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#### A Decade of Music and Dance

Put on your dancing shoes! A DJ will be on hand to play music of the weekend's decade while a dance duo provides lessons. 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. & 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

#### "Decades of Fun" Trivia Game

The fun continues with this fast-paced trivia game where teams of families will compete to prove their game-show prowess. 12:30 & 3:00 p.m.

#### Family Costume Contest

Families dressed in the style of the weekend's decade will participate in a judged contest. One lucky family each Saturday and Sunday will win four passes to Fantasia 2000! 1:00 p.m.

#### Arts & Scraps

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**STRANG, ALBERT W.**  
**THOMPSON, MABLE .**  
**WALLS, CLYTEE SR.**  
**WARDLAW, KOBE J.**  
**YOUNG, MABEL**

**BIRD, NINA**  
Age 76 of Wayne. Passed away February 11, 2000. Preceded in death by parents Robert & Ermina Bird, brother Bernard Bird, sister Ellis Bird. Survived by sister Joyce (late Kenneth) Renfrow, 4 nephews & 1 niece. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home

**BOKA, STEVE L.**  
Age 82 of Belleville. Passed away February 26, 2000. Dear father of Gregory F. (Renee) Boka of Lake Orion and Kayelani J. Decker of Riverview. Dear son of the late James Louis and Klementine Boka. Brother of James L. (Rose) Boka, Helen Florentos of Allen Park. Sister-in-law Stella Boka. Also 5 grandchildren. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

**CAMEN, ADELE M.**  
Age 83 of Westland (formerly Dearborn). Passed away February 29, 2000. Dear mother of Richard Camen & the late Donald Camen. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

**COX, VIOLET AUDREY**  
Age 95 of Redford. Passed away February 26, 2000. Beloved wife of Alfred James Cox. Dear mother of Sylvia (Edward) J. Miller, Richard (Pat) Cox, Donald (Mildred) Cox and Joan Gryka

**DOROW, LIONEL O.**  
Age 69 of Allen Park. Passed away March 1, 2000. Dear father of Bruce (Jane) Dorow of Ypsilanti; Teri (Thurman) Tackett of Jonesville, MI; James (Shirley) Dorow of Jackson, MI; Jenny (Donald) McNally of St. Joseph, MI; Carl Dorow of Belleville; Lorraine Dorow of Monroe and Lora Dorow of Belleville. Dear son of the late Otto and Clara (Eichstedt) Dorow. Brother of Lila Thomsen of Tennessee; Alice Bilske of Oklahoma; Delphine Dusenberry of Washington and Elina Dorow, location unknown. Also 19 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

**EDWARDS, LEONIA M.**  
Age 85 of Belleville. Passed away February 25, 2000. Beloved wife of the late Ross Edwards. Dear mother of Larry Crowley of Belleville. Dear daughter of the late Richard L. and Allie (Lucas) Taylor. Also 3 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

**FRANKLIN, WILEY JR.**  
Age 69 of Inkster. Expired February 12, 2000. He leaves behind 2 children Delora & Arnold, one sister, 4 aunts, 1 uncle, 3 grandchildren, family & friends. The services were held February 17, 2000 at Penn Funeral Home.

**GORTON, CORRINE**  
Age 92 of Westland. Passed away February 7, 2000. Beloved wife of the late Rev. Gernsey Gorton. Dear mother of Helen Jeanne (late Rev. Theodore) Doane, William Frank Gorton & John Leonard Gorton. 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren & many cousins. Services were held at First United Methodist Church with interment at Forest Hill Cemetery. Family suggests memorials to the organ restoration fund of the First United Methodist Church of Wayne or the Michigamme Camp Fund. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

**HENNELLS, ALICE M.**  
Age 98 of Belleville. Passed away February 24, 2000. Beloved wife of the late William E. Hennells. Dear mother of Barbara Berry of Grand Rapids, MI; William P. (Shirley) Hennells of Naples, FL; Betty (Melvin) Sanders of PA; Alica Burt of Belleville, MI; Ransom (Judith) Hennells of Plymouth, MI and Thomas (Elizabeth) Hennells of Saline, MI. Dear daughter of the late William and Catherine (Jamison) Stuart. Sister of William (Dorothy) Stuart of Highland, MI. Also 25 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

**HOWARD, CLARA B.**  
Age 76 of Romulus. Passed away on February 12, 2000. Beloved mother of Milton L. Wood of Chelsea, Harold

"David" Wood of Romulus, Ms. Emily J. Wood of Romulus and Theresa A. Vernier of Belleville. Survived by sister Mrs. Arthur (Francis) Spangler and Mrs. Vera Jackson both of Florida; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs Howard was also predeceased by 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Arrangements by Crane Funeral Home.

**JONES, LEONARD**  
Age 57, of Inkster, expired February 6, 2000. He leaves 4 sons: Shawn, Lionel, Darrell & Michael. 3 grandchildren, 9 brothers, 6 sisters, family & friends. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Romulus Community Baptist.

**MEIXNER, HOWARD J.**  
Age 85 of Westland. Passed away February 28, 2000. Dear husband of Myrtle. Beloved father of Gary (Barbara), Dennis & Redge. 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren & 1 sister. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

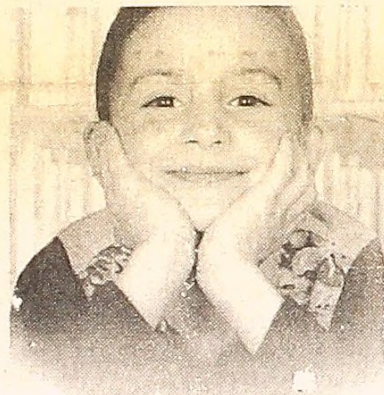
**ROBINSON, MABLE FLOSSIE**  
Age 93, of Inkster, expired February 1, 2000. She leaves behind her son Roland, 4 grandchildren, 5 great grands, family and friends. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Womack Temple CME Church.

**ROWLAND, JERRY J.**  
Age 44 of Belleville. Passed away February 29, 2000. Dear father of Jerry Rowland of Marquette, MI; Matthew Rowland of Jackson, MI; Melissa Rowland of Belleville, MI; Nancy Rowland of Tennessee and Kelly Rowland of South Carolina. Dear son of Jerry and Lois (Tompson) Rowland. Brother of Karen (Mark) McMahon of Harper Woods, MI; Mike (Cheryl) Varsha of Belleville, MI; Beverly (Ron) Richey of Cheyebogan, MI; Lorie Rowland of Belleville. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home

**STRANG, ALBERT W.**  
Age 78, of Inkster. Beloved father of Dr. Patricia(Brent) Seppanen, Amelia(Leonard) Talley, Susan Hall, and William Strand. Survived by one grandson Eric. Services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

**THOMPSON, MABLE A.** Age 71, of Inkster. Passed away on February 15, 2000. She leaves behind 2 children William & Wanda, 8 grandchildren, 2 great grands, 1 sister, 2 brothers, family and friends. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home with the services held Greater First Missionary Baptist Church. Interment at Westlawn Cemetery West.

**WALLS, CLYTEE SR.**  
Age 77 of Westland. Expired February 3, 2000. He leaves 5 children: Ron, Barry, Mark, Sharon & Kathy. 20 grandchildren, 1 great grand, family & friends. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Gethsamane Baptist Church.



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**WARDLAW, KOBE AWAUN.**  
Age 7 months old of Inkster. Expired February 3, 2000. He leaves behind parents Janice & Kenneth Wardlaw. 2 sisters Breanna & Keyaunna, brother Kenneth, Godmother Latonya, grandparents, family & friends. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Greater Hayes Cathedral.

**YOUNG, GARNET (KINCAID)**  
Age 89 of Westland. Passed away

February 11, 2000. Beloved wife of the late Donly S. Young Sr. Survivors include two sons: Donly S. "Bud" (Leslyn) Young Jr. of Lake, MI and Robert D. (Dorothy) Young of Gaylord, MI. 13 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren & 2 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Phillip Edward Young, a granddaughter and 2 great granddaughters. Arrangements by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth.

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law it will be interesting to see how government can dodge the bullet of condemnation for having led the innocent to a life of gambling and ruin. It will be ironic to watch the pages unfold of a government

which itself became the largest extortion machine in the country as it itself filed suit against corporations for the alleged corruption and pain of segments of society. All this, of course, unless government has already provided itself a fire wall of protection.

Sincerely,  
George M. Haddad

## Single mothers responsible for teenage tarts, killers

A celebrity can adopt three children in five years, while the common public have to wait or take children from foreign lands who are not always suitable. Because government fools decided years ago to give out checks to unwed mothers so they could keep their babies and various boyfriends. Thus, the shortage of babies became prevalent.

As a result, we have a nation

filled with teen criminals, little tarts and crazy kids trying to kill each other and blow up schools.

With no values taught at home anymore, the schools are attempting to do it, and it's not easy. Single mothers are the norm, and seem proud of it, neglecting their children and working. Fathers are allowed to run out on responsibility.

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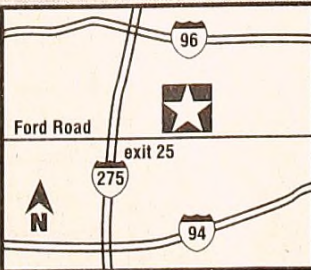
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# Local HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

**ROMULUS HIGH REUNION** for the class of 1970 is slated for Aug. 26, 2000. For more information call Gail (Howie) Curaba at 734-697-1763, Roy and Cathy (Miank) Szyndlar at 734-699-3139 or Jim Wagner at 734-699-9050.

**PRE-SCHOOL GYMNASTICS** will begin at 6 p.m. March 14 at the Romulus Recreation Building. If too many sign up for this class an earlier class will be initiated at 5:15 p.m. A separate program for students five years and up will be offered on Thursdays beginning at 7:15 p.m. The cost for the eight week programs is \$50. Pre-registration is needed by calling 942-6852.

**CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL MEETING** for the planned Metro Charter Academy of Romulus will be from 7 to 9 p.m. March 16 at the Crowne Plaza Metro Airport Hotel, 8000 Merriman Road. Jeff Poole, academy vice president of marketing, will lead the discussion on curriculum, site location and other features of the school. For more information call 1-800-699-9235.

**POLICE/FIREFIIGHTERS RECOGNITION DINNER** sponsored by the Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 of the Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary is slated for April 1 at the post hall at 1055 S. Wayne Road in Westland. Wayne and Westland Police and Firemen will be honored that night. Tickets cost \$10. For more information call Bessie Bell at 734-326-6524 or the Post Hall at 734-326-3323.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH AND LIFE FORUM** is being sponsored by Congress members Lynn Rivers and John Dingell. The forum is slated at 8:30 a.m. March 18 at the University of Michigan, Dearborn Campus, School of Management Lecture Hall, 4901 Evergreen in Dearborn. Topics will include: cancer, financial planning, violence, consumer protection, heart disease, stress and depression. For more information call 734-485-3741.



## African American celebration

The 21st Century Choir of the Romulus School District headed by Ellen Bragg, extreme left, is shown as they are about to perform at the African American Celebration conducted at Merriman Elementary School in Romulus. MCN Special Photo

**HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE** is now being offered by the Romulus Police Department. Sessions are slated from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 25 and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 26 at the Romulus VFW Hall, 39270 Huron River Dr. in Romulus. There is no fee for the course. Lunch will be provided both days by the VFW. Successful completion of the course is required by all first time hunters born after Jan. 1, 1960. For more information call 734-941-8400.

**RIVERS COFFEE HOUR** is slated from 8:30 to 10 a.m. March 17 at the Hava Java, 10675 Belleville Road in Belleville. Congresswoman Lynn Rivers (D-Ypsilanti) said local residents to stop by for a free cup of coffee and discussion on local issues.

**WESTLAND ROTARY CLUB GOLF OUTING** is slated to be

held May 18 at the Golden Fox golf course. Registration is from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and a shotgun starts begins at 11 a.m. Golf outing aids Rotary Scholarships and the Westland Salvation Army. For more information call a Westland Rotarian.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for a horseback riding for the handicapped program at the Wildwind Therapeutic Riding site at 3935 W. Seven Mile Road in S. Lyon. For more information call Deborah at 248-486-7433.

**MAYOR'S CHAIR TV SHOW** Mayor William Oakley tonight at 6:30 p.m. will host Senior Citizen Center Coordinator Linda Norman and Senior Towers Manager Melissa Morton to his monthly TV show. The program is telecast live from the Romulus City Council Chambers. Those visiting the show must do so by 6:15 p.m.

Those wishing to call in questions should call 734-942-7571.

**CLOGGING CLASSES** this session of clogging classes will kick off at 6 p.m. March 27 at Cory Elementary School for beginners and at 7 p.m. for more advanced students. The cost of the 10 week program is \$20. Pre-registration is requested by calling 942-6852.

**DANCE CLASSES** for Romulus area children will begin March 22 at Barth Elementary School. The eight week classes for children six years on up will include: ballet at 5:30 p.m., tap dancing at 6:15 p.m. and jazz dancing at 7 p.m. There also will be a jazz dancing class for those 11 and older at 7:45 p.m. A pair of pre-school ballet classes also will be available at 3:5 year olds beginning at 4:30 and 5 p.m. The cost is \$25 for pre-schoolers and \$30 for older youth. A combination dance class for those 6 and older will also be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning March 21 at Barth School at a cost of \$45. A mini-recital will be held at the end of this class series. For further information and to register call 942-6852.

**SCHOOL VOUCHER FORUM** featuring Anita Nelam of the voucher proponent group Kids First Yes and Georgene Campbell and Heaster Wheeler of the opponent group All Kids First will be presented at 10 a.m. March 17 at the United Way Community Services facility at 1212 Griswold in Detroit (north of Michigan Avenue). Event is free. For more information call Dierk Hall of the United Way Public Policy Division at 313-226-9386.

**SPORTFISHING, BOAT AND TRAVEL SHOW** is slated at the Lansing Center featuring 60 free seminars will begin today

at 3 p.m. and continue through Sunday March 12. Tickets cost \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 to 14 and children five and under will be admitted free. For more information call Henri Boucher at 616-530-1919.

**CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN** a benefit fair Lutheran Child and Family Services featuring former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali and his daughter, Lonnie, will be held at 7 p.m. March 18 at the Detroit Opera House. Cost is \$50 and will include a live auction and movie *When We Were Kings*. For more information call Ticket Master at 248-645-6666.

**ROMULUS CHAMBER MEETING** is slated at noon on March 21 at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel, 9191 Wickham Road in Romulus. Speaker will be Charles C. McCloskey, director of construction of the Northwest Airlines Midfield Terminal. Reservations needed by March 14 by calling March 14. Cost is \$12.

**REPUBLICAN CLUB** of Western Wayne County will host an informational meeting on the pros and cons of Kids First Yes at 7 p.m. Monday at the Golden Plate Restaurant at 626 Wayne Road in Westland (across from the YMCA). Dinner may be ordered from the menu. For more information call Val Wolf at 734-722-0467 or Ida Shelly at 734-722-8838.

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** will be presented by the Plymouth Park Players in the Salem Theatre at 8 p.m. April 7, 8, 14 and 15. Tickets are \$8 each and can be obtained by calling 734-416-7723.

**TEENS AND DIETS--NO WEIGH** a program for youth ages 11 to 14 will introduce an eight week program at 2:30 p.m. March 21 at the Romulus Middle School. The actual sessions will begin at 2:30 p.m. March 28 and will help children discover the connection between food and feelings. It also teaches teens about choosing foods and activities for energy. For more information call the Adolescent Health Center at 941-1400.

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK CLUB OF ROMULUS** meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Romulus Public Library on Wayne Road (adjacent to City Hall). The club consists of men and women from different professional backgrounds and walks of life. Recently they read *The Color of Water* by James McBride, *Hard Left* by Travis Smiley and *The Autobiography of Mayor Coleman Young, South of Freedom* by Carl Rowan.

Don't forget to pick up Eyewitness this Sunday!

## 15th Annual Irish Fest is slated March 17

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

The 15th Annual Irish Fest featuring music and dance is slated at 4 p.m. March 17 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland.

Fiddles, flutes and pipes, singers and dancers will be performing. Tickets cost \$8 and the doors will open as early as 4 p.m.

Among the featured guests will be Tyler Duncan from Ann

Arbor, who won first place for uilleann (or elbow) pipe solo at the All Ireland Fleadh Ceol last summer.

He is coming home from Dublin where he spent nine months studying Irish music.

In addition all Ireland champion dancer Pat Quinn also will perform. Additional entertainment will be provided by 30 musicians and entertainers.

For more information call 313-537-3489.



Tyler Duncan -- just back from Ireland -- where he was named 1999 All-Ireland Champion Piper will be one of the featured artists on the 15th Annual Irish Fest at the Hellenic Cultural Center of Westland. MCN Special Photo

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# Movies

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## Opening This Weekend:

**Mission to Mars** stars Gary Sinise and Tim Robbins. A sci-fi adventure that centers around the first manned mission to the red planet. Following several disasters a second manned flight is sent to their rescue. Rated PG.

**The Ninth Gate** stars Johnny Depp, Frank Langella, Lena Olin, and Emmanuelle Seigner. A supernatural thriller that tells of a conspiracy involving murder, ritual and the supernatural. A dubious book finder is hires to find the two remaining volumes of a 16th century demonic text that supposedly holds the key to summoning Satan himself. Rated R.

## Now Open:

**Wonder Boys** stars Michael Douglas, Frances McDormand, Tobey Maguire, and Katie Holmes. A film adaption of the Michael Chabon novel. An English professor, and award winning novelist, is struggling with problems caused by a stolen car, a dead dog, and an unfinished 2600 page novel. Rated R.

**The Boiler Room** stars Giovanni Ribisi, Ben Affleck, Nia Long, and Vin Diesel. A modern day tale of corruption and betrayal on Wall Street. The story is told through the eyes of Seth Davis (Ribisi), an enterprising college drop out who is determined to prove his worth to a demanding father. Seth masters the art of the cold call-the ability to sell stocks over the phone. Just as he begins to gain his father's respect and enters the world of wealth, greed, and power he realizes that his employer is a high class crook. Rated R.

**The Next Best Thing** stars Madonna, Rupert Everett, and Benjamin Bratt. A platonic relationship between a woman and her gay best friend comes undone following a night of intimacy, resulting in her becoming pregnant. The two decide to live together as a family for the sake of the child. This seems to work until she falls in love with another man. Rated PG-13.

**Tumbleweeds** stars Janet McTeer and Kimberly Brown. A contemporary drama that tells of the unique bond between parent and child, as a single mother drags her 12 year old daughter on the inevitable road to self-realization. Rated PG-13.

**Rear Window** (re-release) stars James Stewart and Grace Kelly. This restored version of Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 thriller. Stewart becomes obsessed that he may have witnessed a murder. Rated PG.

**Snow Day** stars Chevy Chase, Chris Elliott, Pam Grier, and Iggy Pop. A family

comedy about possibilities, friendship, and young love. A lovesick teenager declares his affection for the girl of his dreams, a downtrodden employee defies his tyrannical employer, a ten year old tackles the scariest villain of her life and plastic action dolls suddenly come to life. Or do they? Anything can happen on a Snow Day. Rated PG.

**The Tigger Movie** stars Winnie the Pooh and his gang. When nobody wants to play with him Tigger goes on a quest to find his family so he can be with other Tiggers, only to discover that Winnie and the gang are his true family. Rated G.

**Gun Shy** stars Liam Neeson, Sandra Bullock, and Oliver Platt. This black comedy follows Neeson, a DEA agent, in trying to solve one last case before retiring. Rated R.

**Fantasia 2000**. The limitless possibilities of music and animation provide the basis for the first theatrical, feature length, animated film to be formatted for and exhibited in, IMAX theaters. This historic release pays tribute to its predecessor by encoring a fully restored version of the best loved piece from the 1940 original and adding seven new pieces.

**Play it to the Bone** stars Woody Harrelson, Antonio Banderas. An off beat adventure centering on two friends who journey from Los Angeles to Las Vegas to resurrect their failing boxing careers, only to end up in a battle for the belt. Rated R.

**Any Given Sunday** stars Al Pacino, Jamie Foxx, Cameron Diaz, and Denis Quaid. An aging NFL coach faces the pressures of the modern pro ball world as a young quarterback threatens to squeeze out a veteran player. Rated R.

**Bicentennial Man** stars Robin Williams and Sam Neil. In a story spanning more than 200 years, a robot servant becomes more "real" the longer he is exposed to the human family that employs him. Rated PG.

**The Cider House Rules** stars Tobey Maguire, Paul Rudd, and Charlize Theron. A young man discovers his future is linked to his past as he returns to the orphanage where he grew up to work as a doctor. Rated PG-13.

**Deuce Bigalow Male Gigolo** stars Rob Schneider. A down on his luck fish tank cleaner takes a job fish sitting for a world class male escort, but when he mistakenly answers the business phone he becomes Deuce Bigalow-Male Gigolo. Rated R.

**Galaxy Quest** stars Tim Allen and Sigourney Weaver. The



Rupert Everett, left, and Madonna, right, starring in *The Next Best Thing*.

out of work stars of a 70's TV series, making guest appearances at sci-fi conventions, are kidnapped by aliens to help in a galactic war against a deadly adversary. Rated PG.

**Girl Interrupted** stars Winona Ryder, Angelia Jolie and Whoopie Goldberg. A young woman diagnosed with borderline personality disorders is admitted to a mental hospital where she endures two years in a ward for teenage girls. Rated R.

**The Green Mile** stars Tom Hanks, David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, and Michael Duncan. A mentally impaired man is sent to death row for murdering two children in this adaption of the Stephen King Novella. Rated R.

**The Hurricane** stars Denzel Washington and Liev Schreiber. After boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter is sent to prison for a triple murder, a group of Canadians and a 15 year old Brooklyn activist rally for the fighter's release through a whirlwind controversy. Rated R.

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# News from area churches

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

## Dead Sea Scroll exhibit on display

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Replicas of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls – discovered back in 1947 – will be on display today through Saturday at the Westland Michigan Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The hours of the free display are as follows: 6 to 9 p.m. today and tomorrow and from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday. The center is located at 7575 Hix Road, between Joy and Warren Roads in Westland.

The more than 2,000 year old scrolls were discovered by a Bedouin shepherd boy back in 1947, while he was searching for his stray sheep along the shoreline of the Dead Sea.

Reportedly the boy cast a stone into a cave and suddenly heard a shattering sound.

The inquisitive youth along with a companion later searched the cave and found a cache of old clay jars – some of them still in tact – containing replicas of both ancient biblical and non-biblical scrolls.

The manuscripts are named after the community which housed them – the Qumran collection – or the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The current display is being sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

For more information call 734-459-4580.

The Brothers Keeper band will offer a concert on Saturday March 18 at the Calvary Baptist Church of Canton.

The BK Band blends tight harmonies with the truth of the gospel, a church spokesman reported.

Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door.

The band's single recording of *Rain On* was number one on the chart's for several months.

Tickets are available at the church (43065 Joy Road). For tickets or more information call 734-332-9153.

A special Christian style musical will be offered at the Parks Memorial A.M.E. Church of Romulus on March 18 featuring both the church's youth choir and the Michigan State University Gospel Choral.

The free concert will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the church located at 11547 Grover Road (and Grant Road) -- three blocks west of Wayne Road.

The church's pastors are the Revs. William D. and Cheryl D. Phillips.

For more information call 734-941-0771.

A gigantic baby shower is planned for Sunday at 35 locations under the sponsorship of the Right to Life-Lifespan of Metro Detroit.

The 11th annual event to benefit pregnancy centers will collect baby items including sleepers, T-shirts, socks, receiving blankets, diapers, personal hygiene items for babies, and cash donations.

The drop-off sites after Sunday religious services will include the Resurrection Church of Canton at 48755 Warren Road, St. John Neumann Church of Canton of 44800 Warren Road and Central City Church of Westland at 34645 Cowan.

Right to Life-Lifespan is a non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of vulnerable life from conception to natural death.

Established in 1970 it is the oldest and largest pro-life organization in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties.

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## Pastor speaks out

Pastor Arthur Willis, head of the Romulus Pastor's Association, was the key speaker recently at the Merriman Elementary School's African American Millennium Celebration. Willis, who also is pastor of the local Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church of Romulus, is shown with Merriman School Principal Shellie Moore. MCN Special Photo

## Newburgh Heights Dental Group

Attn: Dental Questions

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Your questions could be answered in the next issue of this paper.

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### Implants: Hope for Loose Dentures

**Question:** My denture is quite loose and moves around when I talk and chew. I have had new ones made, but they still are not very good. Is there anything I can have done to improve them?

**Answer:** This is a common problem among patients who wear complete dentures. Lower dentures especially have the problem of moving around and slipping when a patient talks or chews food. This is usually due to the fact that the bone ridge on the lower jaw will often resorb over time and become lower and lower. It can get to the point where there is little or no bone to support and retain the lower denture.

There is a good solution. More and more, dentists are using implants to support and hold in dentures. In this column, I outline some of the basics of how implants work--titanium inserts are surgically placed in the bone, which join with the bone to serve as "roots." In the case of a denture, the dentist may place two, three, or more implants and construct a denture which tightly fits on these anchors. The patient now has a set of teeth which don't move or fall out.



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